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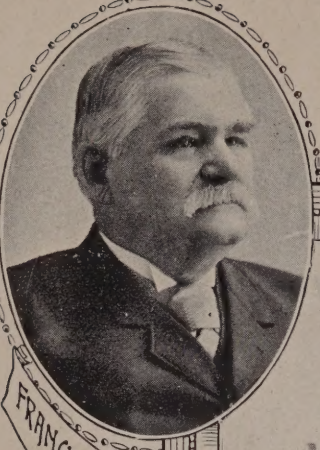

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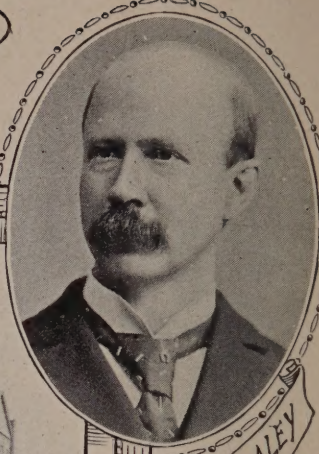

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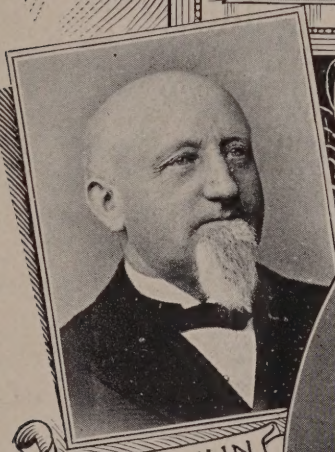

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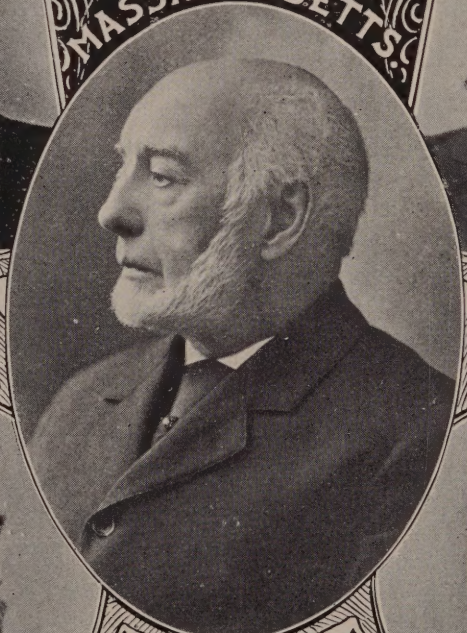

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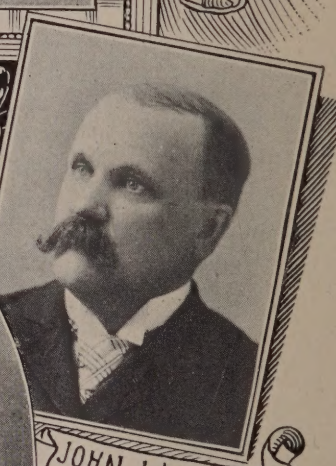

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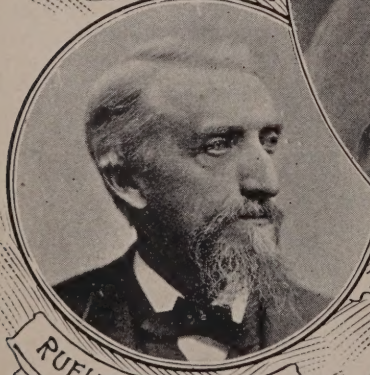

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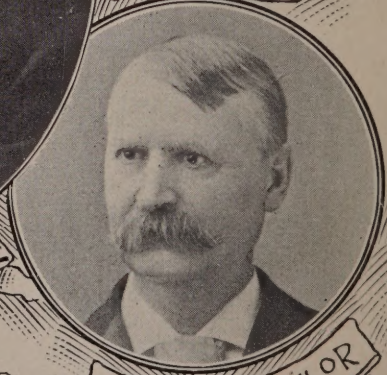

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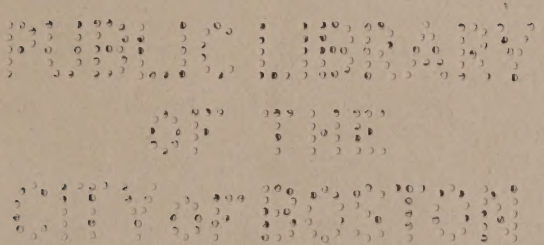

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Trustees' Report.

Boston, Aug. 11, 1892.

To the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.:—

Brethren: The Trustees of the "Home" submit for your consideration at this time a report of the condition of affairs connected with the work entrusted to them, and, as the interest manifested in the enterprise has increased and grown as the work progressed, we feel it will be for the good of all concerned to have a full and complete account given in one report, thus putting on record the rise and progress of this noble work in such a connected form that it can be understood by all who are interested or may wish to learn its history.

It is now five years since a committee of this Grand Lodge reported in favor of establishing an Odd Fellows' Home in this jurisdiction, submitting a plan for procuring funds for that purpose, as well as for the management of the work as it progressed.

Since that time reports have been made at each session of this body, giving an account of the amount collected and other matters of interest.

These things are all fresh in your minds to-day, but in a few brief years will vanish and be gone, and others may wish to learn them. If, therefore, our report shall be somewhat longer than usual, our excuse, if any shall be required, will be found in the fact that we have completed the first chapter of our history and are rendering you an account of our work.

It is a pleasing as well as profitable thought that contemplates the establishment of our Home in this State. When we consider that its location was determined by the generosity of a kind-hearted gentleman, who saw some good in our fraternity, we shall never forget his kindness in donating $11,000 worth of land, upon which to build our Home or the deed conveying the same in which he made the condition that we should erect a building worth not less than $25,000 within three years from date of the same. The name of Thomas H. Dodge will long be remembered for this noble benefaction, and it is a singular fact that in this kind of work we have been generously aided by several contributions from others not members of our Order. One of this character has recently come to light in the State of Kansas, where a man who never belonged to our Fraternity has given a farm of 3,100 acres with numerous buildings upon it, a house of sixty rooms, six hundred head of cattle and $125,000 in cash to establish an orphans' home in that State.

This is certainly a noble, generous deed, and we sincerely hope others may be induced to contribute some of their means for this kind of work, even though it shall be small. It was the widow's mite that was declared to be the greatest contribution given. Let no one be deterred from offering something however small.

The donations thus far reported in aid of the Home, both paid and unpaid, aggregate $76,230.18, including land donated, but *exclusive* of

known bequests not yet received or officially announced, as also of choice and beautiful gifts without statement of monetary value, the latter generously contributed for exterior and interior adornment and use. Receipts from other donations to date have been $59,120.19: $55,570.19 for general account, $3,050.00 for the furnishing of rooms, and $500 for the library; while the payments therefrom have amounted to $51,529.81, of which $48,946.67 was on building account, including cost of grading land and other contingent expenses. With this favorable exhibit, the Trustees have the pleasure of announcing the completion of the Home and its outfit without a dollar of indebtedness unprovided for, the remaining resources being amply sufficient for any further expenditure necessary in that connection. Among the generous contributors in aid of this noble and humane ministry are 161 Lodges, 9 Encampments, 2 Grand Cantons; and of the Daughters of Rebekah, 32 Lodges and 8 sewing-circles, besides a large number of individuals, including some who are not members of our Order, whose names and donations have been reported so far as furnished.

The Trustees have secured the services of Bro. Frank E. Collins of Centennial Lodge of West Boylston as Superintendent and his wife as Matron of the Home.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge a vote was passed authorizing the Trustees to purchase additional land if it could be done for a reasonable price, and paid for from "Home Funds."

The Trustees purchased the land referred to of Thos. H. Dodge, about five and one-half acres, for $10,500 — paying $5,000 cash; the balance on time, making sixteen and one half acres owned by the Home.

Mr. Dodge donated ten thousand feet of additional land to be called Rebekah's Garden. He also furnishes it with many choice plants and has given $500 for the library.

In this connection, we desire to call the attention of our friends to the wants of the library. We want books; we have several donations already made, — one by Bro. Hills, of Palmer, of value, — and we invite others to donate us some good and useful books. A single volume from those who can easily spare them will soon give us an ample supply.

The grounds around the building have been worked over and graded up, and a new roadway made up to the front door. The street in front of the building has been graded some, although not completed, a railroad track has been laid on the street passing in front of the Home, and it is reported cars will be running from Union Depot very soon past the Home. We have made an agreement with the city of Worcester to supply water from high service pipes; this will furnish additional protection against fire. We have cause to be thankful that such abundant success has attended our labors thus far, and when all the money pledged has been paid in, the Home will be free of debt and the Order will have a place in which its members may dwell in comfort and contentment.

It will be remembered that at the February session the Trustees were authorized to apply to the General Court of this State for an act of the Legislature exempting the Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts from taxation.

We are happy to report that the bill was passed and reads as follows : —

[CHAPTER 203.]

AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM TAXATION CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE ODD FELLOWS' HOME OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The real estate of the Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts, situated in the city of Worcester, and the personal property belonging to said Home or held by the trustees thereof for the purpose of said Home, to the amount provided in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statues, shall be exempt from taxation so long as said real and personal property shall be used for the purpose of said Home, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[*Approved April* 22, 1892.

The Trustees have prepared some rules for admission to the Home together with a plan for raising money for the support of the same. These rules have been submitted to the Board of Grand Officers and approved by them, and will be found in this report. We recommend that they be adopted.

RULES OF ADMISSION AND MEANS OF SUPPORT FOR THE SAME.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts I. O. O. F. having authorized the establishment of a Home in this State, wherein aged members, their wives, widows and orphan children shall find a place to reside, and be made comfortable, and a Board of Trustees duly empowered by this grand body have completed a suitable building in Worcester for this purpose, it becomes necessary to make some proper rules or terms of admission to the same, and provide means for its support. This is, however, no easy task, as it is a new project, starting out without funds or experience upon which to base an estimate of the amount required to pay the expenses for the support of the same.

We are therefore compelled to make our recommendations on the best information we can derive from similar institutions in other States, and let the Grand Lodge decide the matter as it deems best. Our only purpose and object from the beginning in this work has been to have the terms of admission as liberal as possible, even without any cost to the applicant, if it can be done, and the burden of supporting the Home so light and trifling a sum to each brother in the State, that all would cheerfully contribute their mite for this desirable and commendable object, and thus provide for members entitled to our aid and sympathy in this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE I.

To become an inmate of the Massachusetts Odd Fellows' Home:—

It shall be necessary for the applicant to have been a member in good standing in his Lodge or Encampment of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts at least five consecutive years next preceding his application, and who has not been suspended during that time; he must be

fifty-five years of age or over, of good moral character, and unable to support himself by reason of age or indigence, and have no disease or injury which would prevent him from attending to his own personal wants.

He shall bring a recommendation and certificate under seal of his Lodge or Encampment, giving his name and age, and such other facts as are deemed necessary by the Trustees, signed by the N. G. or C. P. of the same.

This application shall be referred to a committee of three of the Trustees, who shall examine the applicant, investigate his case, and report upon the same at a regular meeting of the board, whereupon a vote shall be taken, and if a majority of the votes are in favor of admitting the person, he may become a member of the Home.

The same conditions, so far as they are necessary, apply to the admittance of a brother's wife, excepting her age which is not required.

But it is to be distinctly understood, that the following conditions form a part of this agreement.

Every person possessed of real or personal property before being admitted to the Home shall convey to said Home all of said property which shall become the absolute property of the Home.

Any person admitted to the Home who shall thereafter become possessed of real or personal property shall forfeit his right to the privileges and benefits of said Home, unless he shall within such time as may be prescribed by said Trustees convey and transfer to said Home, absolutely, all such real and personal property or such portion thereof as said Trustees may determine.

No person shall be allowed to leave the Home over night without the consent of the superintendent in writing; and any inmate of the Home leaving the same for more than seven days, without the consent of the superintendent in writing, shall be considered as having permanently left the Home, and shall not again be admitted except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

There shall be no charge for admittance to the Home except as hereinafter stated.

Article II.

No member of a Lodge or Encampment in this State shall be admitted to the Home unless said Lodge or Encampment shall have contributed toward the building, or support of the same, a sum of not less than one hundred dollars one year or more previous to the applications being made.

But this article shall not prevent any brother belonging to a Lodge or Encampment in this State, or a widow or orphan from becoming a member of the Home, if otherwise qualified, provided he or she shall pay such a sum as the Trustees may determine, and make his or her application in due form; but such a payment shall not convey any rights to a non-contributing Lodge or Encampment that the applicant may belong to.

Article III.

Any person who shall contribute the sum of twenty-five dollars to the Home, or shall donate the said amount within five consecutive years shall be enrolled on the books of the Home as an Honorary Contributor.

Any person, Lodge or Encampment or other society, contributing the sum of five thousand dollars or more, may, with the approval of the Trustees of the Home, name some member of the Order in good standing, who shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges of the Home; said member shall, however, be subject to all the rules and regulations of the Home. Said donor may designate, subject to the approval of said Trustees, the name by which said fund shall be known, and said fund shall constitute a perpetual memorial of the gift.

Article IV.

Whenever a widow of a deceased Odd Fellow in good standing at the time of his death shall apply for admission to the Home, she shall bring from the Lodge of which her husband was a member at the time of his death, a certificate giving her full name, age, occupation and means of support with all necessary information, and if a member of a Rebekah Lodge, a certificate from that Lodge.

The application shall be referred to a committee of three Trustees who shall investigate and report upon the same; whereupon a vote shall be had, and if a majority be in her favor, she shall be admitted free of cost. But the same rule shall apply in her case as in all cases where money is received by legacy or otherwise.

Article V.

All applications for admission of Orphan Children to the Home must be made to the Trustees by the N. G. of the Lodge to which the father of the child or children belonged, and take the usual course; if admitted, there shall be no charge.

The above rules are approved by the Board of Grand Officers.

Jay B. Crawford, *Grand Master.*

Attest: Chas. D. Cole, *Grand Secretary.*

We have not completed a full code of rules and regulations for the management of the Home, not deeming it necessary at this time, but such laws will be arranged later on, being of minor importance as compared with those regulating the admission and amount to be contributed for the support of the Home.

The admission of members to the Home, without the payment of a fee or charge, is based upon the supposition that the members in this jurisdiction, Daughters of Rebekah and all others interested, will contribute, in some proper way, a sum sufficiently large to meet all the expenses incurred in supporting the Home. Precisely how is the best way to do this, is a matter upon which there may be a difference of opinion, and the Trustees submit a plan for your consideration.

They recommend that the Subordinate Lodges collect from each of their members one cent per week per year, which would amount to fifty-two cents from each member. This sum could be collected by the Per. Secretary who could transmit in January and July the amount collected to the Grand Treasurer who would acknowledge the same. By this very small contribution from each member we should realize a generous sum each year.

This amount or any reasonable sum can be paid by vote of a Lodge from its general fund, for the support of the Massachusetts Odd Fellows' Home, if so preferred. *That question* has been settled by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and there is no doubt about its legality. (See Proceedings, Sovereign Grand Lodge, pages 11,102, 11,374, 11,399.) This seems, to your Trustees, a feasible and practical method of securing a sufficient sum for the support of the Home, and we hope it may be adopted.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following: —

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction has decided to establish, maintain, and support a Home wherein dependent widows may be received and supported, and the orphans of deceased Odd Fellows may be maintained and educated,

Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction may donate or loan such portion of their widows' and orphans' fund as they may desire to said Home, provided that such proposition in the Subordinate Lodge to donate or loan said widows' and orphans' fund shall lie over one week before final action. (See Journal of Proceedings for 1891 of Sovereign Grand Lodge, page 12,664, and page 12,705.)

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. FORD,
FRANCIS JEWETT,
JAMES T. JOSLIN,
HENRY DENVER,
JOHN J. WHIPPLE,
NATHAN TAYLOR. } *Trustees.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees:

Since your Treasurer's last published report, final payments on contract and contingent account, incident to the completion of the Home, have been largely dependent on the receipt of donations remaining unpaid, but Lodges and other contributors have generously responded, thus providing for existing necessity. Of the donations pledged and heretofore reported, some still remain unpaid, while others are payable in annual installments in accordance with stipulated conditions. The financial results to present date are herewith submitted, to be followed by the usual Supplementary Report covering any additional receipts or payments if made in time therefor.

DONATIONS FROM LODGES, ENCAMPMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL SOURCES.

Amount paid and unpaid Feb. 11, 1892*.....	$70,666 18	Bequest of F. E. Weber, Boston..	$1,000 00
Donations since added:		H. C. Otis, Worcester.....	5 00
Siloam Lodge, No. 2, additional..	200 00	O. M. Savels, Worcester.....	5 00
Waban, No. 156.....	50 00	George Jennison, Worcester	5 00
Mansfield, No. 194.....	50 00	E. M. Shattuck, Worcester	50 00
Beulah, Reb., No. 3.....	10 00	James A. Clemence, Worcester..	25 00
Unity, Reb., No. 10.....	19 00	John H. Daley, Worcester	25 00
Stella Social Circle, No. 46.....	75 00	John A. Sears, Worcester.....	50 00
M. M. Garfield, Worcester.....	50 00	E. L. Collins, Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 14.....	5 00
George Kingston, Worcester.....	25 00		
W. H. Smith, Worcester.....	5 00	Total on general account Aug. 1, 1892.....	$72,330 18
H. B. Belcher, Worcester	5 00		
C. E. Hanson, Worcester.....	5 00		

* Including land donated.

NOTE.

The report of the Treasurer submitted in 1892 (pages 8 to 13) is omitted in this binding, as the financial statement made by Brother Clarke in the Trustees' report, September 3, 1896 (see pages 8 to 25 in following report), is a complete financial record from 1887, when the first contribution was received, to July 25, 1896.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ODD FELLOWS' HOME.

A LEAF FROM HISTORY.

The Odd Fellows' Home, concerning which so much has been said and written, has become an established fact, and its erection in Worcester is the grand fruition of a benevolent scheme nearly half a century old. Its history is almost the history of Odd Fellowship, and, in an organization which measures its antiquity by deeds, not years, stands forth as a monument to the untiring benevolence of one of the greatest and grandest fraternal institutions on the face of the earth. That such provision for aged and indigent members of the Fraternity, who have been victims of adverse fate in the struggle of life, was hastened by the munificence of one outside of the Order, is, as it should be, a matter of personal pride and gratification to all within its affiliation. To the Trustees who have labored so long and earnestly to secure the establishment of this Home must come an overwhelming sense of satisfaction, in seeing their efforts so substantially crowned at last.

For fifteen years has this noble and blessed charity been under consideration in this jurisdiction, and now that its accomplishment has been achieved, the recital of a brief but comprehensive history of the circumstances which led to such a glorious result becomes eminently appropriate, and is herewith submitted by permission of the Grand Lodge. In its preparation, the Trustees acknowledge themselves largely and gratefully indebted to the Worcester press for important historical data already compiled to their hand, and especially to "The Corner Stone" for its very elaborate and interesting history of this noble and humane ministry of our Order, and of which they have made liberal use in these pages.

So long ago as 1846, or some twenty-eight years after the establishment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in these United States, Union Lodge, No. 13, of Mobile, Alabama, adopted the following resolution: "*Resolved:* That this Lodge will cheerfully contribute such a sum, as may be necessary, for the purpose of carrying out a general plan of education for the children of deceased Odd Fellows, *and other purposes*, under such directions and laws as the Grand Lodge of the United States may direct, and that this resolution be signed by the officers of the lodge, and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States."

This resolution was presented to the Grand Lodge at the September session, and a committee of three was appointed to inquire into the

propriety of establishing such an institution. The committee reported favorably, and a resolution earnestly requesting State Grand Bodies to consider the expediency of the establishment of a general system of education and relief was unanimously adopted. It was at this session that Grand Secretary Ridgely, inspired with almost prophetic vision, expressed himself in the ever-to-be-remembered words: "If the Order approve and honor this scheme, the end is consummated; and we shall have erected a monument in the hearts and the affections of thousands of widows and orphans, which shall, in all time, consecrate Odd Fellowship as a system of pure and unmixed beneficence." The lapse of more than forty years has but proved with exactitude the truth of this noble sentiment.

A year later (1847) at the annual session of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, a special committee of nine, to whom it had been referred, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., approve of the proposition submitted by G. L. U. S. in regard to the establishment by the Order of a National Seminary of Learning, regarding it as a measure which in its adoption would have a tendency to extend and increase the benevolent purposes of the institution, strengthen its bond of union, and perpetuate the principles of our social organization." The original proposition and its subsequent development was manifestly to connect with this National Seminary a home for indigent, aged Odd Fellows, and the education of orphan children of deceased Odd Fellows.

Here was a broadening of the original lines, and a material modification of the plans indicated in the resolution offered by the Mobile Lodge, although perhaps covered by the words *and other purposes.* Be that as it may, very little progress was made in the matter in Massachusetts for a good many years. Meantime the jurisdiction of Maryland had established a permanent system for the education of orphans and care of valetudinary members of the Order, which had been attended with the most gratifying results. In New York State, despite the sanction of its Grand Lodge, no definite action was taken until the Subordinate Lodges, under the authority conferred by the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1870, assembled in convention and adopted articles of association under the name of Odd Fellows' Asylum of the State of New York. This institution differed from the original plan on educational lines, but provided for aged or otherwise permanently infirm members of the Order, respectable support for the remainder of their lives.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia was next to adopt articles of association, similar to those of New York, for an Odd Fellows' Asylum in West Virginia. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky followed with the es-

tablishment of an Odd Fellows' Widows' Home, and Orphans' University, and in November, 1871, the corner stone of the "Odd Fellows' Institute" was laid in the city of Lansing, Michigan, by the Grand Lodge of that State.

These several successful institutions in sister States seem to have operated as a powerful leaven in the old Bay State, for at the February session of its Grand Lodge, in 1874, the subject was presented by Frederick C. Davis, Grand Master, and referred to a committee consisting of William Ellison, William E. Ford, Samuel W. Hodges, Enos H. Tucker, and Thomas C. Porter. This committee reported in favor of the establishment of a home, but no action was taken in accordance therewith. The attitude of the Grand Lodge of the United States no doubt had considerable to do with this awakening of interest, and its resolution authorizing any number of lodges in any district to take initial steps towards organizing asylums for aged Odd Fellows paved the way for that which was to follow.

In his communication to the Grand Lodge in 1875, Julius L. Clarke, Grand Master, also earnestly recommended the establishment of an Odd Fellows' Home in this jurisdiction; and the matter was then referred to a special committee consisting of William Ellison, Thomas C. Porter, William E. Ford, Enos H. Tucker and Benjamin Hibbard.

At the February session of 1876, this committee not only reported strongly in its favor, but furnished a series of resolutions embodying a plan for raising the funds and providing a management of the same. An adverse communication from Providence Lodge, No. 171, of Lynn, was received at the same time, and this, with other opposition, manifested in discussion, rendered it inexpedient to legislate on the subject at that time, and the whole matter was tabled until the next session.

At the August session, protests being received from Tremont Lodge, No. 15, of Boston, and Essex Lodge, No. 26, of Salem, the question of founding a Home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, after a lengthy discussion, was finally indefinitely postponed.

Here the matter rested twelve years, or till the February session of the Grand Lodge in 1887, when Representative Townsend of No. 173, of Wellesley, presented the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Master appoint a special committee, to consist of seven representatives, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Home for aged or disabled Odd Fellows, within this jurisdiction, and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge. And if in the judgment of the committee, such a Home should be established, to report at the same time a plan for its foundation and support." Upon the adoption of this resolution, the following committee was appointed: Representative Townsend, of No. 173, W. E. Ford,

H. K. Braley, T. C. Porter, P. G. Masters, A. S. Pinkerton, G. Warden, and Representatives Eben Beckford, of No. 40, and Frank Cousins, of No. 26.

Again was a favorable report received from the committee, and a plan submitted for the foundation and support of the Home, and this time a discussion, very strongly in its favor ensued, and the report, with its accompanying resolutions, was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., that it will be for the benefit of the Order in this jurisdiction to establish an Odd Fellows' Home in Massachusetts.

2d. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge earnestly invites all members of the Order, especially Subordinate Lodge members and Daughters of Rebekah, to bring this subject before their respective bodies for consideration, and requests all that shall favor the establishment of a home for aged Odd Fellows, their wives, widows, and orphans, to take such action as will best procure funds for such a purpose, and aid in establishing a permanent fund for this object.

3d. *Resolved*, That a board of five trustees be elected by this Grand Body at this or at its next session, who shall together constitute a board of management, having full power to manage its affairs, to make such rules and regulations for the care of the Home as shall be deemed necessary (subject to the approval of the Board of Grand Officers) and appoint such persons as officers and assistants as shall be required. That no trustee shall receive any compensation for his services, except what he actually pays out for travelling and other necessary expenses.

They may proceed immediately after being organized to devise ways and means to carry forward this project, to issue circulars or solicit aid for this purpose as may seem most desirable, from Lodges and members of our Order.

4th. *Resolved*, That one trustee shall be elected for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year; and at the expiration of one year, one trustee shall be elected annually for five years.

They shall continue in office during the term for which they were elected, unless they resign, should die, or be removed by the Grand Lodge for cause, after having been duly tried and convicted of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

In case of a vacancy, it shall be filled by this Board.

It shall be the duty of the trustees to report once a year to this Grand Body the condition of the Home and property under their charge.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Body shall act as secretary of the said trustees, and the Grand Treasurer as treasurer of the same, unless otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge. The property and funds to be used by the trustees shall be subject to their order, and shall be held and known as belonging to the Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts.

6th. *Resolved*, That the trustees at their earliest opportunity take measures to select and secure a suitable piece of land situated near some city or town in the centre of the State (if deemed best), easy of access, and having buildings upon the same, or upon which they can be erected.

Trustees of Odd Fellows' Home were then elected as follows: Francis Jewett, five years; Henry K. Braley, four years; James T. Joslin, three years; William E. Ford, two years; John J. Whipple, one year.

Then began the first of a series of appeals, by circular and otherwise, to the different Lodges, Encampments, Patriarchs Militant, Daughters of Rebekah and others likely to be interested in a work so truly fraternal. The Trustees voted to raise one hundred thousand dollars as the amount necessary to make the institution successful and permanent, and urged upon the respective bodies to adopt such measures, and appoint such committees, as should best promote the success of the benevolent object. The first of these circulars was issued in September, 1887, and met with so liberal a response that a second circular explaining the cardinal principles underlying the establishment of the Home, was prepared in November of the same year, and distributed to the Subordinate Lodges, Encampments, Cantons of Patriarchs Militant, and Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah. These principles were briefly summarized as follows: —

1. An Odd Fellow's Home does not contemplate the substitution of a mode of relief for that which already rests on the several bodies comprising the Fraternity.
2. The Home is to supplement the relief so furnished, and to provide an asylum for those who are superannuated, exceptionally unfortunate, or otherwise accidentally dependent in a measure, at least, on public or private assistance; also for the care of those who may hereafter elect to give or devise their property to the Home, and select the same under suitable regulations, as their place of abode; also, for the care, training and education of dependent orphans of deceased brothers, and for the care and support of deserving dependent widows of deceased members of the Order.
3. The Home is to be established by and through the voluntary beneficence of the Fraternity, and such gifts and donations as may come to it from friends outside of the Order.
4. Its establishment and management, so far as the election of Trustees is concerned, are to be under the direction of the Grand Lodge; the Trustees will also report annually to the Grand Lodge their acts and doings, together with the condition and financial standing of the Home.
5. Besides annual benefactions, there should be a permanent fund, whose income, annually, should be applied to the support of the institution.
6. Beside the Board of Trustees, whose full term of service is five

years, (after the preliminary organization), and whose services are to be gratuitous. the Grand Lodge constituted the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

7. The Trustees have decided, unanimously, that in order to warrant the establishment of such a Home, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars should be raised before anything shall be done by way of definite location, the purchase of land, or the erection of buildings, be entered upon.

The action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session held at Denver, in October of the same year, on the subject of the establishment of Odd Fellows' Homes, was likewise so favorable that it was incorporated in this latter circular. The hearty approval of the Brotherhood followed, as evinced by the numerous responses received by the Board of Trustees, in reply to their appeal for aid. Earnest workers were secured to visit and explain the objects and benefits of the Home, and the work was pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Among those who were numbered first in this missionary work was F. A. Barbour, P. G. of De Soto Lodge, Springfield. He was deeply interested in the enterprise, and rendered much needed and valuable aid. The Treasurer's report at the February session of the Grand Lodge, showed the handsome sum of $11,125 as a result of the first year's work.

Not the least among the pleasant showings of the year was noted the hearty manner in which the Daughters of Rebekah throughout the State, took up and hastened the work of raising funds. The chartered lodges had held a conference in Springfield, October 19th, 1887, at which resolutions of sympathy and co-operation were adopted, yet the Trustees were hardly prepared for anything like the substantial support which followed.

Among the earlier contributors was the former Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Charles Hayden of Boston, who gave $1,000 on condition that the name of the donor should not be mentioned, and it was not known who the generous benefactor was until after his death.

It was at this session that the Grand Encampment, in a communication to the Grand Lodge, asked permission to elect two members on the Board of Trustees, one to serve five and the other three years. This permission was granted and the number of Trustees increased to seven. Rufus B. Gifford and Nathan Taylor were the two Trustees elected by the Grand Encampment.

Still more gratifying in result before the adjournment of this session was reached, the Treasurer's supplementary report showed the fund increased to $22,149, and six months later, at the August session, to $31,092, and at the February session of 1889, to $35,737.99.

It was at this session the perplexities of location for the proposed

Home first began to crop out. While the full amount necessary for its erection and maintenance was not yet pledged, the Trustees felt the necessity of hurrying the work as fast as possible, having as they did, complete faith that the needful amount would be forthcoming at the proper time. A variety of eligible localities was pressed upon the notice of the Trustees, Shirley Village, Belmont, Worcester and Lowell being among the rival and pushing claimants. The Trustees duly performed their part, visiting many localities, but the choice at last lay between Lowell and Worcester, and was decided in favor of the latter by an event that afforded the deepest satisfaction. It was a donation to the Trustees, for the purpose of a Home for aged Odd Fellows of eleven acres of land in the city of Worcester, by Thomas H. Dodge, fully equivalent to $11,000. This was reported to the Grand Lodge at its session in August, 1889, by the President of the Trustees, and was accepted with deepest gratitude.

The following letters relating to the gift, that passed between the Trustees and Mr. Dodge, may prove of interest:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF MASSACHUSETTS, I. O. O. F.,
BOSTON, June 25, 1889.

Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Trustees of Odd Fellows' Home, held in this city on Tuesday afternoon last, the subject of locating the Home came up for consideration, and a report made by Nathan Taylor, Esq., of Worcester, one of the Trustees, informed them of your generous offer of a fine tract of land, pleasantly located in the city of Worcester, for that purpose. On motion, it was voted, unanimously, to accept of the same. Permit us to tender to you the sincere thanks of the Trustees for your generous gift, and assure you the Order of Odd Fellows in this State and throughout the country will honor you for this magnificent offering, while the aged member and the orphan child will bless your name and memory in the years to come for what you have done to help them in their misfortunes and assist in establishing a worthy and noble charity. With kind regards, we remain,

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

WILLIAM E. FORD, President.
CHARLES D. COLE, Secretary.

Mr. Dodge, in reply, says:

AUG. 6, 1889.

William E. Ford, Esq., President, Trustees Odd Fellows' Home, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir,—The letter in behalf of said Trustees, signed by yourself as President, and Charles D. Cole as Secretary, was duly received; and you will please accept thanks for the kind expressions of a personal nature which it contained, in reference to my offer of a site for the Odd Fellows' Home, in Worcester, Mass. Since the reception of

said letter, I have duly executed and delivered to Trustee Nathan Taylor, Esq., of this city, a deed of the land for the Home, and also for Odd Fellows' Park, and have also furnished him with a plan of the survey, etc. I have also caused to be printed some 300 copies of the deed of trust, for the use of the Order, and placed the same in Mr. Taylor's hands. In view of the uncertainty of life, I herewith inclose memorandum of agreements, duly signed, relative to certain things I propose to do for the Home, etc., when completed. Wishing you much success in this charitable work and undertaking of love and friendship, I remain as ever,

Yours truly,

THOMAS H. DODGE.

For the benefit of members of the Order who may not have had the opportunity of reading the deed of trust transferred by their generous benefactor, it is published here entire:

DEED OF TRUST.

THOMAS H. DODGE *of Worcester, Massachusetts, to* TRUSTEES OF THE ODD FELLOWS' HOME, *to be located in Worcester, Mass.*

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that I, Thomas H. Dodge, of the city and county of Worcester in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of one dollar to me in hand paid before the delivery hereof by William E. Ford, of Boston, Francis Jewett, of Lowell, Henry K. Braley, of Fall River, James T. Joslin, of Hudson, John J. Whipple, of Brockton, Rufus B. Gifford, of Salem, and Nathan Taylor, of Worcester, all in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Trustees of the Odd Fellows Home, to be located in said city of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in the further consideration of my interest in and desire to aid and assist the sympathetic brotherhood of Odd Fellows — "forty thousand strong" — resident in said Commonwealth in establishing an enduring and noble charity in said city of Worcester, and one, too, which shall, during all the ages to come, reflect honor and credit upon a loved Commonwealth, the heart of which has so often beat responsively to the calls of liberty and the welfare of mankind, do hereby remise, release, and forever quitclaim unto the said William E. Ford, Francis Jewett, Henry K. Braley, James T. Joslin, John J. Whipple, Rufus B. Gifford, and Nathan Taylor, trustees, as aforesaid, their successors, or assignee, two certain tracts or parcels of land situated in the northerly part of said Worcester, near Barber's Crossing, and on the easterly line of the Fitchburg Railroad Company's track, successor of the Boston, Barre & Gardner railroad, the first of said tracts or parcels of land being bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the centre of a stone monument set in the ground at the southwesterly corner thereof, and on the easterly line of the location of said Fitchburg railroad track or land, and on the northerly line of land now owned by Mrs. Josephine Adams; thence turning and running south eighty-five degrees and forty-five minutes east, three hundred and forty-four and five-tenths feet by land of the said Adams to a stone monument set in the ground ; thence turning and

running south sixteen degrees and forty-five minutes east, fifty feet by land of the said Adams to a stone monument set in the ground and in the north line of the proposed Park Avenue extension ; thence projecting the same line in continuation by the said points in the said last-named two stone monuments forty-two and three-tenths feet to a point in the centre line of the said Park Avenue extension ; thence turning and running south eighty-eight degrees east, by the said centre line of the said Park Avenue extension seven hundred and sixty-seven feet to a point ; thence turning and running north two degrees east forty feet to a stone monument set in the ground at the intersection of the east line of Odd Fellows' Avenue with the north line of Park-avenue extension ; thence north two degrees east by the said east line of Odd Fellows' Avenue three hundred and forty feet to a stone monument set in the ground; thence turning and running north eighty-eight degrees west crossing Odd Fellows' Avenue and by other land of grantor and on a line drawn parallel to and three hundred and forty feet distant from the said north line of the said Park Avenue extension one thousand one hundred and ninety-three feet to a stone monument set in the ground and in the easterly line of the location of said Fitchburg railroad; thence turning and running south eight degrees east by the easterly line of the location of the said Fitchburg railroad two hundred and eighty-one and eight-tenths feet to a stone monument set in the ground, and being the place of beginning.

Reserving for all the purposes of a public street a strip of land forty feet in width on the south side of said described tract or piece of land, so far as it includes a section of the northerly half of the proposed Park Avenue extension, which is eighty feet in width, and also reserving to the city of Worcester the right to lay out and grade, as proposed, said Park Avenue extension without liability to said grantees or their successors for land or other damages in consequence thereof.

Also reserving for all the purposes of a public street a strip fifty feet in width on the eastern side of said described tract of land, the same to be called Odd Fellows Avenue, and to be used and enjoyed in common by the grantor, his heirs and assigns, and the grantees and their successors, as a street or public way.

Also reserving for all the purposes of a public street a strip of land fifty feet in width, running north and south entirely through said premises hereby conveyed, the westerly line to be parallel to the easterly line of the said Fitchburg railroad track or land, and three hundred and thirty feet distant therefrom; hereby giving, however, to the said grantees and their successors the right of way over an extension of said street northerly through my other land of fifty feet in width to the street or way leading from West Boylston Street to my farm buildings. Also a right of way over said street or way to said West Boylston Street. I also give for convenience of conveying building materials, the right of way for three years over a drive-way running north and south through my other land from said street running easterly from West Boylston Street, and now used for farming purposes, and some two hundred feet west of my barn. I also give to said grantees and their successors the right to lay and maintain a pipe from my spring well north of my barn, south through my other land, and draw water from said well through said pipe for use on the premises above described; said water pipe to be laid east of the barn, and grantees and their successors not to occupy or disturb more than

six feet of land in width, and with as little inconvenience to the grantor, his heirs or assigns as possible, they occupying said land subject to the above rights, the location once selected by grantees shall be final.

The second of said tracts or parcels of land being bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the centre of a stone monument set in the ground and at the northeast corner of the tract of land now to be described; thence running south sixty-one degrees west by other land of the grantor two hundred and ninety feet to a stone monument set in the ground; thence turning and running south twenty-nine degrees east by other land of grantor, and crossing Odd Fellows' Avenue, three hundred and ten feet to a stone monument set in the ground; thence turning and running north sixty-one degrees east by other land of grantor two hundred and ninety feet to a stone monument set in the ground; thence turning and running north twenty-nine degrees west by other land of grantor three hundred and ten feet to a stone monument set in the ground, and being the place of beginning.

Reserving to the grantor, his heirs or assigns, for the purposes of a public street, a strip of land forty feet in width on the northeasterly, southeasterly, and northwesterly sides, and a strip of land fifty feet in width on the southwesterly side of said last-described tract of land, the same to be enjoyed in common with the grantees and their successors for the purposes of a public street.

A right of way is given to the grantees from the first-described tract to the Odd Fellows' Park over the northeasterly end of Odd Fellows' Avenue, which is fifty feet in width, and runs north sixty-one degrees east, three hundred and six feet on the easterly line, and three hundred and thirty-four feet on the westerly line. The last above-described tract of land is a part of the estate conveyed to said grantor and others by Walter Bigelow, by his deed dated the sixth day of June, 1873, and recorded with Worcester District Deeds, book 906, page 219, while the first-described tract of land is a part of the same Walter Bigelow estate, a part of the estate conveyed to said grantor and others, by deed of William T. Barber, dated July 25, 1873; and recorded with Worcester Deeds, book 905, page 276, and a part of the estate conveyed to the grantor, by deed of Edwin P. Curtis, dated April 23, 1886, and recorded with Worcester District Deeds, book 1215, page 283.

The last above-described premises are conveyed upon the express conditions that buildings for residence or business purposes are not to be erected thereon, but the same shall be called "Odd Fellows' Park," and be occupied and enjoyed as a private park, and purposes germane thereto by the Order and their wards and beneficiaries.

The first above-described premises are conveyed upon the express conditions that they are to be forever used as an Odd Fellows' Home and purposes germane to and legitimately connected therewith, and that at least twenty-five thousand dollars shall be expended in buildings thereon within three years from the date hereof.

To have and to hold the granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said grantees, their successors, or assignee, forever, but in trust, nethertheless, as follows: to be occupied and used by the fraternity known as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, as a

site for a Home for indigent or dependent members of the Order within said jurisdiction, their wives, widows and orphans, and for such worthy, unfortunate or friendless members of the Order as the Trustees, or other officers having charge of said Home, may deem deserving to be admitted thereto. Said Trustees or their successors in offices are hereby authorized and empowered to convey by proper and suitable deed of conveyance the premises hereby conveyed to such corporation, if any, as may hereafter be created under the laws of this Commonwealth more effectually to carry out and execute the aforesaid trust.

And may God in His infinite mercy smile upon the institution thus founded by fraternal love, and grant that the wide spread influence thereof may stimulate the growth of a broad and enlightened Christianity and tend to promote an advanced civilization.

And for the consideration aforesaid, I, Eliza D. Dodge, wife of the said Thomas H. Dodge, do hereby release unto the said grantees and their successors all right of or to both dower and homestead in the granted premises.

In witness whereof, we, the said Thomas H. Dodge and said Eliza D. Dodge, wife of said Thomas H., hereunto set our hands and seals this 29th day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

THOMAS H. DODGE. [SEAL]
ELIZA D. DODGE. [SEAL]

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

ALFRED S. PINKERTON.
DANIEL A. HARRINGTON.

Upon the reception of the deed, the Grand Lodge took action in the premises, which are full and comprehensive, as an expression of thanks, and contain suggestions regarding the Home that are worthy of consideration in connection with the munificent gift :

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Massachusetts:

Whereas Thomas H. Dodge, a distinguished and benevolent citizen of Worcester, has deeded to the Trustees of the Odd Fellow's Home, in trust, however, a valuable and desirable tract of land in the city of Worcester, containing some eleven acres, as a site for said Home, and has granted to said Trustees the temporary use of other premises adjoining said land, and has obligated himself to donate $500 toward the founding of a library at said Home when erected; and

Whereas said Thomas H. Dodge has thus evinced his interest in a great public charity through his love for the welfare of mankind, his approval of the practical benevolence of a great fraternity, and an honorable desire for the growth and development of his adopted city (the donor not being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows) : and

Whereas said Thomas H. Dodge has, by these acts of disinterested benevolence, demonstrated the fact that the enterprise in which the brotherhood is engaged has awakened an interest in the minds of thoughtful people outside of the membership of the Order, a fact

which should kindle anew the zeal and co-operation of all members in every branch of the Order to secure an early and complete consummation of the good work now in hand: therefore by this Grand Lodge, representing the body of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction, it is hereby sincerely and devoutly

Resolved, That the heart of Odd Fellowship throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is touched with sentiments of gratitude for the unsought and unexpected generosity of its benefactor in gratuitously giving a site for the foundation of its Home in the central and attractive city of Worcester; that this act of benevolence by a person who has not experienced the satisfaction derived from close affiliation, but who has only observed the practical worth of Odd Fellowship by its apparent and actual results, will touch a common chord of sympathy and gratitude wherever Odd Fellowship is known and its usefulness is felt; that the thanks of this Grand Lodge, and through it, the thanks of all branches of the Order in Massachusetts, are gratefully extended to Thomas H. Dodge of Worcester for the gift of land in that city, and for other and further acts of generosity in behalf of the Odd Fellows' Home to be planted in this jurisdiction; that, by this outward act of acceptance of his donations, his kindness of heart is acknowledged, and that, in the prosecution and completion of this undertaking, his memory will be held in loving remembrance, and shall hereafter be perpetuated by some more fitting memorial in order that his goodness and generosity may be known to the generations yet to come.

The Grand Lodge likewise adopted resolutions thanking Horace H. Bigelow of Worcester for his marked attention to the Trustees and his generous offer to give land for the purposes of the Home.

THE BUILDING.

No public building in the city of Worcester occupies a finer location than the Odd Fellows Home. Easy of access, and conveniently situated away from the noise and turmoil of a busy city, it stands in a commanding position facing the south, and fronting the line of the boulevard extension. Just at its intersection therewith, lie the fifteen acres of land offered by Mr. Thomas Dodge to the city for a park; while the ground on which the Home is situated rises fifty or more feet above the railroad tracks, which form its western boundary, the view in all directions being both picturesque and magnificent. North Pond, a pretty sheet of water, lies close at hand, beyond which is a long rising stretch of fertile ground dotted with farm houses and ending in wooded hills at the horizon. A little to the north east of the Home on one of the highest points in the vicinity is the acre of land given by Mr. Dodge as a park for the Odd Fellows.

The building faces the south, and consists of a main structure 100 x 40 feet, with a large ell at the rear 50 x 40 feet, separated by a brick wall from the main part as a protection against fire. The building is four stories and a half in height with a steep hip roof ornamented

with dormer windows. A large central tower in front twenty feet square, with turrets at each corner, and an irregularly curved roof, is a very handsome and conspicuous feature, the Howard clock set in its roof having four illuminated dials facing each point of the compass. The clock was donated by the executors of the will of Brother F. E. Weber, of Boston, as an addition to his bequest of one thousand dollars to the Home. The most modern style of architecture prevails throughout the building. The material used is brick and brown stone, while the interior is finished throughout in ash.

The veranda at the main entrance is of brick and stone, 44 feet long and 12 feet wide, and is reached by a broad flight of granite buttress steps. The front door enters the vestibule, 8 x 17 feet, and the office occupies a corner of the main hall. Double doors lead into the main hall 17½ x 37 feet in size. The stairs are at the north end, at the right, and ascend with one quarter landing. A double doorway on the right opens into the auditorium 37 x 39 feet, with a seating capacity of one hundred and fifty. Opposite this door is the arch to the corridor of the west wing.

At the left of this corridor is the ladies' reception room, 14 x 15 feet, and the public parlor, 15 x 25½ feet, while at the end is the library 21 x 26 feet. These rooms can be thrown into one room by means of large sliding doors. Both library and parlor have large fireplaces.

Beyond the corridor arch on the left of the main hall is the elevator which ascends to the fourth story. The large ladies' toilet room is just beyond the elevator opposite the stairs. At the end of the hall is the entrance to the lobby, which occupies the space between the china closet and gents' toilet room. A part of the lobby on the right is occupied by the men's lavatory.

From the lobby, a double door opens into the public dining-room, 20½ x 39 feet, in the ell, with a seating capacity of seventy-five. At the right of this room is the kitchen, 16 x 18 feet, off of which are the butler's and main pantries. The back hall connects with both the dining-room and kitchen, also with the store-room, 7 x 8 feet, at the rear of the main pantry.

In the east wing of the second story are five chambers, each 12 x 15 feet, and women's bath-room, opening from a corridor. There is also a men's bath-room and two linen closets on this floor and each floor above. A public sitting-room, 17 x 32 feet in size, is also on each of the three upper floors.

On the third floor, over the Superintendent's quarters are six bedrooms, and in the east wing, five chambers and a bath-room. The ell will probably be used as a hospital ward. The attic stories will be used when needed as dormitories for children, and chambers for general use, divided up as on the third floor.

Each chamber thoroughout the building is provided with a large roomy closet, while on each floor in both the main and ell parts is a closet to hold a fire-extinguisher and other fire apparatus.

The smoking-room is in the basement, occupying the west wing and is 39 x 39 feet in size.

On the facade of the building, two-thirds the way up the tower, three links, the symbol of the Order, each over four feet in length appear. Over the entrance are the words "Odd Fellows Home," cut in huge letters in granite.

Barker & Nourse of Worcester were the architects, and their intelligent co-operation in carrying out the plans and purposes submitted to them, has given the most complete satisfaction. The estimated cost of the building is about $55,000.

SOME OF THE FURNISHINGS.

It would be impossible to include in the space allowed for this history anything more than a brief reference to some of the furnishings with which the various apartments of the Home have been fitted up through the generosity of lodges and individuals.

The auditorium before referred to is fitted with chairs, settees and rockers of oak, matching the finish, and over the head of the platform are hung crayon portraits in heavy gold frames, the gifts of A. M. Driscoll of Worcester. In the centre hangs that of Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., the donor of the Home site; on his right that of Trustee Nathan Taylor of Worcester, and on the left Julius L. Clarke, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of West Newton, formerly a resident of Worcester. On the west side of the room hangs a portrait of Alfred S. Pinkerton, Past Grand Master, of Worcester. On the platform is a chair used in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., by the first Grand Master, in 1823, and presented to the Home by Moses T. Durrell, Past Grand, of Boston.

The Superintendent's office has a four-light chandelier, an oak roll-top desk, elegant chairs, large floor rugs, etc., the gift of Henry Walker of Worcester.

The parlor is furnished by Pearl Hill Rebekah Lodge, No. 47, of Fitchburg, and is one of the finest rooms in the Home. At all the windows are lace curtains on white and gold poles, and between the sliding doors to the library and office are heavy red chenille portieres. There is a full plush parlor suit, an oak centre table, two willow chairs, and carpet. The fireplace is furnished with a grate, brass andirons, etc. On the mantel is draped a pretty China silk lambrequin, with bronze ornaments.

The library presents an airy appearance with its willow chairs, oak

table, Smyrna rugs, etc., the gift of Trustee John J. Whipple, ex-mayor of Brockton, and a former resident of Worcester.

The reception or sitting room on the second floor, is furnished by Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 33, of Worcester, and has handsome lace curtains at the windows, chenille portieres at the doors, an oak centre table, and an oak stand on which rests a handsome Bible, given by the Sanford-Sawtelle Company. The other furnishings include a plush sofa, plush rocker and chair, an oak rocker and a leather rocker, and on the floor are spread numerous rugs. The walls are adorned with handsome pictures.

The third floor reception room is furnished by Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 18, at a cost of over $400. At the windows are handsome lace curtains, and at the doors heavy crushed — strawberry colored chenille portieres. The furnishings include an elegant plush sofa, leather, willow, oak, and Turkish rockers, and an elegant raw silk Turkish rocker. In the centre of the room is a handsome XVI. century centre table, and in one corner is a pretty little oak table. The floor is covered with handsome Turkish rugs, and the walls are ornamented with etchings and valuable pictures.

The various rooms on the second and third floors are uniformly furnished with chamber suits of oak and of pretty design, including a bedstead, dressing case, and commode. The other furnishings include a willow rocker, an oak rocker, an oak chair, two common chairs and a small oak table. Two rugs are on the floor of each chamber. These furnishings cost about $100 for each room, and most of the rooms have been furnished by Lodges and members of the Order, the names of the donors appearing upon nickel plates on the doors of the rooms.

In addition to the generous gifts from Lodges and individuals who have chosen to furnish rooms themselves, and at their own expense, the following have kindly contributed or pledged special donations therefor: —

Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1; Siloam, No. 2; Bunker Hill, No. 14; Tisquantum, No. 46; Harmony, No. 68, and Purity Rebekah, No. 94; Quinobequin, No. 70; Hermann, No. 133; Dorchester, No. 158; Paul Revere, No. 184; Mt. Vernon, No. 186; Cliftondale, No. 193; Electric, No. 204; Grand Canton Shawmut, No. 1; Grand Canton, No. 3; Esther Rebekah, No. 12; Crescent Rebekah, No. 35; Bernice Rebekah, No. 36; Hawthorne Rebekah, No. 57; Good Cheer Rebekah, No. 60; Banner Rebekah, No. 89; Erminie Rebekah, No. 76; Social Circle of Cypress Lodge, No. 51, D. of R.; West Gardner Sewing Circle, D. of R.; Alfred S. Pinkerton, P. G. M.; Rufus B. Gifford, Salem; Mary E. Hayden, Boston; Moses T. Durrell, Boston; James and Ellen M. Buxton; Peabody; D. N. Kemp, Lynn; Francis E. Mer-

riman, Boston; Roswell S. Merriman, Westfield; Herbert N. Kingsbury, Westfield; Q. N. Green, P. G., Sincerity Lodge, No. 173; Wm. H. Meads, Beverly Farms; A. L. and M. L. Hills, Palmer.

At its February session of 1892, the Grand Lodge authorized the Trustees to purchase additional land in order to secure important advantages in the interest of the Home. They accordingly purchased of Mr. Dodge about five and a half acres for $10,500, making sixteen and a half acres now owned by the Home, Mr. Dodge generously donating 10,000 feet in addition to be known as the "Rebekah Garden," for which he furnishes many choice plants, and in which the Rebekah Lodges of the State will each have a small plot of land in which to plant flowers. Such a gift is all the more acceptable as a fitting tribute to that branch of our Order, which has extended most cordial sympathy and hearty coöperation in securing necessary funds for the Home.

At the same session of the Grand Lodge, the Trustees were also authorized to petition the Legislature for an act exempting the Home from taxation, which was promptly secured.

Without citing the Treasurer's reports in detail, as rendered from session to session, it may suffice to state that donations reported at the closing of this history in aid of the Home, both paid and unpaid, aggregate $76,530.18, including land donated, but *exclusive* of known bequests not yet received or officially announced, as also of choice and beautiful gifts without statement of monetary value, the latter generously contributed for exterior and interior adornment and use. Receipts from other donations to date have been $59,445.19; $55,795.19 for general account, $3,150 for the furnishing of rooms, and $500 for the library; while the payments therefrom have amounted to $53,663.84, of which $51,080.70 was on building account, including cost of grading land and other contingent expenses. Among the generous contributors in aid of this noble and humane ministry are 161 Lodges, 9 Encampments, 2 Grand Cantons; and of the Rebekah, 32 Lodges and 8 Sewing-Circles, besides a large number of individuals, including some who are not members of our Order.

Such is but a brief summary of the more important historic data associated with the origin, progress, and consummation of this humane enterprise. Very much more might be added in the same connection, but other matters of general interest will absorb remaining space, among them scenes and services incident to the laying of the corner stone and the dedication of the Home to its fraternal ministry.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE.

This service was appropriately performed on the 8th of October, 1890, by Henry Denver, Grand Master, of Springfield, assisted by Charles B. Dunkerton, Grand Patriarch, of Worcester, and members of the Board of Grand Officers. The corner stone was a welcome gift from Cornelius Bradford, Past Grand, of Mayflower Lodge, No. 54, of Plymouth, who had donated one hundred and fifty dollars for its purchase and preparation, and was gratefully accepted and acknowledged by Past Grand Master Ford, President of the Board of Trustees.

The occasion was honored by the presence of many distinguished members of the Order as well as prominent citizens of this and other States, among them Charles M. Busbee, Grand Sire, of Raleigh, North Carolina, His Excellency the Governor of this State, Hon. J. Q. A. Brackett, His Honor Mayor Francis A. Harrington and members of the Worcester city government, the donor of the site, Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., and many others.

Great preparations had been made for the event by the members in Worcester, but unfavorable weather in the early morning prevented thousands from attending the exercises. The city never looked more attractive in its profuse display of flags and decorations, and the procession under the direction of Chief Marshal Daniel A. Harrington, was never excelled in Worcester in point of numbers and the orderly appearance of the participants.

The line numbered more than five thousand men. Maj. Gen. E. Burritt Palmer was in charge of the Canton division, Commander James K. Churchill in charge of the Encampment division, and Col. E. M. Estes in charge of the Subordinate Lodges.

The preliminary exercises were held in the rink, the President of the Board of Trustees, William E. Ford, presiding, and the addresses were given by Grand Sire Busbee and Governor Brackett, and a hymn written especially for the occasion by Brother B. P. Shillaber (Mrs. Partington, since deceased) was sung to the tune of "America." Then followed the parade and the laying of the corner stone in accordance with the usuages of the Order.

THE DEDICATION.

In its graphic and interesting account of the scenes and incidents of this notable event, the *Worcester Spy* happily remarks that if Thomas Wildey could have looked on the Odd Fellows' demonstration June 22 in connection with the dedication of the Odd Fellows' Home, he would have been proud of the progress of the Order of which he was the founder in this country. It was Odd Fellows' day,

and for hours the city was in the hands of the men who wore the mystic three links. Trains were run to accommodate them, streets were roped off that they might march unimpeded, business blocks and private houses were decorated in honor of their visit, and everything was done to make them feel that they were thrice welcome in the heart of the Commonwealth.

At 9.45 the Worcester battalion, consisting of the five Subordinate Lodges of Worcester and the two Encampments, proceeded to the Union depot and met the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment and the Trustees. The Grand Officers were received by the special committee and escorted to carriages, proceeding thence to the Bay State House, where a lunch was served, after which they were taken direct to the Home.

There were probably fifty thousand visitors in the city to attend the dedication and see the parade. Every minute for an hour trains loaded with men and women wearing the Odd Fellow and Rebekah badges, disgorged their living freight at Barber's Crossing, and by noon the hillside on which the Home stands gleamed and glistened under the sun like a huge monster with scales of gold. One expression found universal utterance, to the effect that no more beautiful site could have been selected for the Home.

Under direction of Chief Marshal Churchill the procession began to form shortly after 12.30, the line being extraordinarily long, in some places in double column. Shortly after 1.30 the order was given to march, and for three hours there was one grand medley of band music in the streets ; banners waved and swords flashed and when at evening the sun went away on its journey around the world, it bore a wonderful tale of one of the most glorious days of Odd Fellowship in Massachusetts.

After all had arrived at the Home, the service of dedication proceeded, and was admirably conducted by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge in the beautiful and impressive form of the Order. The ceremonies took place in the main hall, Grand Master Crawford occupying the chair used by the first Grand Master in this State. Every inch of available space in the rooms on the lower floor was filled with an interested audience.

Besides Jay B. Crawford, Grand Master, there were present and participating in the services, James M. Price, Deputy Grand Master, Louis A. Cook, Grand Warden, Charles D. Cole, Grand Secretary, J. Lawrence Martin, Assistant Grand Secretary, Julius L. Clarke, Grand Treasurer, Austin S. Esty, Grand Conductor, acting as Grand Marshal, Rev. William F. Dusseault, Grand Chaplain, and Joseph York, Grand Instructor. Charles A. Mayo, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, sat beside the Grand Master and assisted in the

services. The full Board of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were in attendance. There were also present Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., ex-Mayor Samuel Winslow, Judge Parmenter of Cambridge, the Trustees, President of the Board William E. Ford of Roxbury, Chairman of the Building Committee, Nathan Taylor of Worcester, Francis Jewett of Lowell, James T. Joslin of Hudson, John J. Whipple of Brockton, and Henry Denver of Springfield; also Lieut.-Governor William H. Haile, Hon. Theodore C. Bates, Hon. Charles B. Pratt, Mayor Harrington and the Worcester aldermen, together with other invited guests who were in the carriages, as given in the annexed order of procession.

In his introductory address, Grand Patriarch Mayo said: — "We have assembled here to-day representing forty-five thousand strong, loyal Odd Fellows, for the purpose of dedicating this Home. Oct. 8, 1890, we laid the corner stone of this structure, and since then the Trustees have pressed on with the work unceasingly, until you see the building finished as it is to-day. Look around and behold it in all its beauty and grandeur.

"Here let us build our altar to-day. First to Purity, second to Friendship, Love and Truth, and lastly to Faith, Hope and Charity, but ever let us remember that the greatest of these is Charity."

Austin S. Esty, acting as Grand Marshal, then proceeded with his part of the dedicatory services, and after the words, "Odd Fellowship has her altar, her sacred shrine, around and before which we, as Odd Fellows, bow and worship," following the very impressive and beautiful language of our work, James M. Price, as Grand Herald of the North, Joseph York, as Grand Herald of the South, Julius L. Clarke, as Grand Herald of the West, and J. Lawrence Martin, as Grand Herald of the East, built the altar of Odd Fellowship — representing Friendship, Love and Truth, Faith, Hope and Charity resting upon the white base of Purity — until it stood as a completed altar, embodying the grand principles that underlie the stupendous fabric of Odd Fellowship.

Beautiful music was furnished by the Odd Fellows' Quartet, E. F. Little, J. A. Brennan, J. E. McCafferty and Charles I. Rice; and after the "Dedication Ode" was sung, Trustee Nathan Taylor, chairman of the building committee, addressing the Grand Master, and turning over the keys to him, requested in appropriate words that the building be dedicated as an Odd Fellows' Home.

Grand Master Crawford responded in the solemn, impressive language of the ritual, tendering kindly congratulations for the beautiful Home about to be dedicated to those cardinal virtues which should adorn and elevate humanity.

He closed by calling on Grand Chaplain Dusseault to offer prayer,

and after scripture reading, the Grand Herald of the North sprinkled the water from the silver cup resting on the altar; the Grand Herald of the South lighted the colored fire in the silver urn on the altar; the Herald of the East scattered the wheat from the silver cup in which it was contained, and the Grand Herald of the West scattered beautiful flowers from his vase; the Heralds in turn accompanying their service with a brief address impressively illustrating its emblematic significance, the quartet singing a response after each address.

The Grand Chaplain then offered prayer, after which Grand Master Crawford delivered his address as follows: —

ADDRESS OF JAY B. CRAWFORD, GRAND MASTER.

"And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Thus spake the great apostle as his mind dwelt upon the unity of the human race, and of the dependence of man upon his fellow man. Through 1800 years have these words come down to us as the most precious message of peace and love, to find in the present century and under these bright New England skies, their highest development and their truest exposition.

To-day we, as Odd Fellows, have gathered here to dedicate to the highest and most holy works of pure and exalted charity, this building designed as a home for our aged and afflicted brethren.

How much it means! What emotions are raised in our hearts as we contemplate it! It is the free-will offering of noble hearts to those who have worked long and faithfully in our noble cause, and the closing hours of whose lives are to be blessed with care and soothed with sympathy. To-day the 45,000 members of this fraternity in Massachusetts have assembled here to give assurance of how deep and permanent are the noble principles of Odd Fellowship rooted in our hearts, and with what freedom have these offerings been placed upon our altar.

This building, now complete, opens a new work for our fraternity, and here it shall ever stand as one of the greatest monuments of human love and devotion, and here shall it remain to remind us that the lessons of Odd Fellowship have been our hope and our refuge. As we gaze upon this home, in its beauty and proportions, and upon the scenes that are being enacted before us this day, our hearts swell with pride and our minds are filled with admiration at the great strength and prosperity of our beloved order.

Let us not, however, in such contemplations, forget the origin and development of our fraternity, nor lose sight of the lessons to be drawn therefrom. It did not come into existence perfect, as we now

find it, but in its growth it has experienced all the vicissitudes of life; all its struggles; all its hopes. Days of darkness have enshrouded it; sordid interest and selfish motives have sought to undermine it; but above all the bright rainbow of promise has arisen, and like the star of the east has guided it from apparent doom to highest life and success and prosperity.

When this order separated from the old Manchester Unity, it carried with it and in it many of its most objectionable features, which rankled in its heart and festered there; and which so changed the whole object and end and aim of the Order that it essentially lost its great distinctive feature as a charitable and beneficial organization.

Then it was that the grand old heart of Wildey and the splendid intellect of Ridgely were exerted in all their power and force to place the order back upon its proper foundation and to give it life and character.

Then began the greatest battle ever waged in our fraternity. It was a battle of right against wrong; the victory to be won was peace, love, truth and the moral improvement of mankind. Benevolence and charity were to come and spread their blessed influence in the hearts of suffering humanity.

All the baser influences that had found a foothold in the order fought desperately for the supremacy, until the very life of the order hung in the balance. It was no time for doubt or hesitation; it was no time for compromise or concession; but with unwavering courage and undaunted zeal these men stuck boldly and worked on until the victory was won, complete and final.

What could withstand the efforts of such men as Wildey, and Ridgely, and Gettys, and Perkins and Welch, and others like them? They formed a moral bulwark over which the darkest waves of corruption might roll and leave them still in the bright sunlight of truth and right, unmoved and immovable forever. As the mariner tossed on the tempestuous waves of ocean's breast, keeps his fixed eye on the bright, immovable star above him, so did these noble men ever keep in view the sublimest principles of fraternity, benevolence and charity, and into this haven they guided the ship of their hopes.

There it was anchored, and there has it remained to grow in strength and beauty, day by day, until in every town and hamlet in this glorious country of ours, and in nearly every nation on earth do the sweet songs of Odd Fellowship greet us as the evening shades descend; while the blessings of millions of our fellow beings rest upon our work.

To-day as we look around and see the evidence of our prosperity, we rejoice, and we rejoice with cause. Odd Fellowship is established upon a foundation that cannot be shaken while time shall last.

It is universally recognized as the greatest human organization in the world for the alleviation of the suffering of humanity, for the diffusion of benevolence and charity, and for the general improvement of mankind. "Visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan," is the first and great command to every man who enters the Order. The lessons of instruction that fall upon his ears are of divine origin, and surpass all others ever communicated to man, save only those found in the Holy Bible, a book which, indeed, forms the corner stone of Odd Fellowship, and from which all our lessons are drawn. No man can enter the Order and receive its instructions without finding himself better qualified to discharge the duties of life and engage in the active work of the world.

The glory of Odd Fellowship rests not upon its professions, but upon its deeds. More than one million seven hundred thousand men have been initiated into the Order and received its instructions; more than one million five hundred thousand brothers have been assisted in the hour of their need; members of the Order, their wives, widows and children have cause to bless the heart of Odd Fellowship.

More than $60,000,000 have been given in relief, and the last sad funeral rites have been spoken over the graves of more than one hundred and fifty thousand members, and to-day more than seven hundred thousand men and nearly one hundred thousand women are banded together, working with a common purpose in a common cause for the good of their fellow beings.

On every side and in nearly every State, homes, schools, and asylums are being created for the use of those dependent upon the Order. Yet this is but a part of the good that has been done. The silent influences that have been at work have entered man's heart and elevated his character, purified his life and ennobled his existence. The incentive that has caused this magnificent structure to arise is but the legitimate effect of the lessons we learn in the Order. Its support and maintenance is but the carrying out of the truth of Odd Fellowship Our Order is the outgrowth of the necessities of the human race; the result of human affections, of human love and charity. We love it because it is true and because of this truth we meet to-day to pledge to each other that, come what will, the great principles of Odd Fellowship shall guide us in our actions; and that this noble work of charity here commenced shall receive our unswerving support until the law of universal brotherhood shall bind all nations, tongues and kindreds together, and universal peace and love and charity shall dwell in every heart.

ADDRESS OF WILLIAM E. FORD, PAST GRAND MASTER.

At the conclusion of the dedicatory service, the Grand Master delivered the keys of the Home to William E. Ford, Past Grand Master, and President of the Board of Trustees, saying, "I now consign to your care and keeping this beautiful structure, knowing full well your unwavering interest in its usefulness and future success." On receiving the keys, President Ford responded as follows: —

Grand Master, Brethren, Daughters of Rebekah and Friends: This is indeed a welcome day for Odd Fellowship in this State; a day long anticipated, fondly hoped and earnestly prayed for.

The erection of a Home for the care of the aged brother, his wife or widow, and his orphan children, is the commencement of an important era in our history; and although the idea of the Home is not entirely new, having been first introduced in our State Grand Encampment as far back as 1847, and again in 1874, yet nothing was accomplished until 1887, when Rep. C. E. Townsend of Wellesley introduced in the Grand Lodge a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to consider the expediency of establishing a Home for aged or disabled Odd Fellows within this jurisdiction.

A committee was thereupon appointed consisting of Wm. E. Ford, C. E. Townsend, H. K. Braley, T. C. Porter, Eben Beckford and Frank Cousins, who at the next session submitted a report favoring the establishment of a Home for the support of aged Odd Fellows, their wives, widows and orphans.

This report was adopted, and five trustees, Francis Jewett, H. K. Braley, James T. Joslin, Wm. E. Ford and John J. Whipple were elected (and later on R. B. Gifford and Nathan Taylor were added) to collect funds and locate the Home.

Several desirable situations were examined, and it was finally decided to accept the generous offer of Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., of Worcester, who donated eleven acres of land, the present site of this building, and a cash gift of five hundred dollars, for the purchase of books for a library. I am happy to welcome our venerable friend here to-day to behold the completion of our labors, as also this vast assemblage who honor his noble generosity and untiring devotion to the benevolent purposes of our Order; and to all others who have so generously contributed to the completion of this beautiful edifice and the furnishing of the same, I can truly say you have our sincere thanks for what you have done in aid of the Odd Fellows' Home. Time will not permit an individual enumeration, but there is one whom I cannot omit to name, one who devoted his best thought and experience with his valuable time and labor to this grand service,

and whom we sadly miss to-day; but his life, and character and work will long remain a precious legacy to the Order he loved so well. The name of Rufus B. Gifford, P. G. P., will be treasured in our hearts as a monument of his good deeds while chairman of our building committee, for we are largely indebted to him for much of our success.

I am aware, worthy Grand Master, of the great responsibility which you have to-day delegated to the Trustees of this Home, and in its acceptance, I assure you they will endeavor to manage its affairs in such a manner as to do honor to our Order, and credit to our numerous friends, and to deal kindly and justly with all who may become its inmates. In all this service, we shall hope to merit the confidence and support of our brethren and sisters, as upon their sympathy and support will depend the success of our undertaking.

THE GRAND PARADE.

The following is a complete outline of the great procession in the order of its return from the Home, after the close of the dedicatory exercises:

THE ESCORT AND CHIEF MARSHAL.

Platoon of police, mounted; Patrolmen Barker, Blake, Millett, Crowell, Ward, and Legasey.

Third Regiment Division of the East, Patriarchs Militant, in command of Col. George H. Randel of Fitchburg.

Staff: Major S. E. Mirick of Worcester, Major John W. Hadley of Worcester, Major C. H. Doten of Fitchburg, Dr. W. H. Sears of Worcester, Capt. E. H. Stevens of Fitchburg, Capt. Charles A. Babbitt of Fitchburg, Adjutant, Capt. B. F. Eveleth of Fitchburg.

Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, P. M., eighty chevaliers; Commandant, John A. Sears.

Component No. 1, in command of Capt. Sears, Lieut. E. W. Platt, and Lieut. George W. Dickinson.

Component, No. 2, in command of Capt. E. E. Francis, Lieut. H. D. Haunaut, and Ensign R. A. Fisher.

Component, No. 3, in command of Capt. J. C. Greene, Lieut. W. I. Allen, Ensign W. W. Sanderson.

Grand Canton Hebron, No. 4, P. M., of Fitchburg, forty chevaliers; Commandant, E. F. Page.

Grand Canton Meadow City, No. 29, of Northampton, fifteen chevaliers; Commandant, George H. Smith.

CHIEF MARSHAL OF THE PARADE,

Capt. JAMES K. CHURCHILL, of Worcester, and Staff; Chief of Staff, Jonathan R. Davis of Gardner; Orderly, Col. Charles K. Darling of Fitchburg.

Aids: Col. Frank E. Ladd of Springfield, E. B. Metcalf of Milford, Joseph M. Olney of Southbridge, H. N. Kingsbury of Westfield, S. P. Lawrence and John H. Scott of Fitchburg, F. E. Atkinson and Prentiss Howard of Webster, Joel G. Davis of Allston, Alden M. Bigelow of Grafton, C. B. Perry of Millbury, Warren B. Page of Clinton, C. E. Phelps of Sterling, John Green and William E. Bowen of Whitinsville, Dr. W. T. Souther, Daniel W. Darling, William H. Seaver, Dr. E. T. Trowbridge, William R. Dean, F. H. Pelton, F. M. Heath, Charles E. Slocomb, Jr., L. A. Hastings, A. M. Knight, H. O. Shepard, C. E. Benson, Samuel E. Lawrence, M. E. Lawrence, and George E. Kirby, all of Worcester.

CANTON DIVISION.

First regiment, Division of the East, Patriarchs Militant, Col. John E. Palmer, of Boston, in command.

Staff: Adjutant Sam'l. J. Hodges, Quartermaster F. H. Claflin, Commissary A. T. Weins, Commissary-Sergeant C. M. Page, Major Walter F. Mansfield, Major F. D. Lapham, Major of the second regiment P. M., Capt. F. D. Locke, Capt. A. E. Loomer, Capt. W. A. McDonald, Capt. J. A. Elliot, Lieut. J. F. Roessle, Capt. C. O. Tukey, Capt. G. F. Rodgers, Capt. W. J. Hardy, Major A. H. Lamson, Lieut. T. F. Wilson, Capt. C. G. Needham, Lieut. T. H. Freeman and Capt. E. W. Bettinson.

Major-Gen. E. Burritt Palmer, of Boston, and staff: Ass't Adjt.-Gen., Maj. J. L. Tattersall, of Lawrence; Maj. Elmer Millett, Lieut.-Col. D. S. Woodworth, Lieut.-Col. A. M. Coy, Lieut.-Col. Geo. A. King, Maj. A. W. Rose and Maj. P. H. Creasy, of Newburyport; Maj. Geo. E. Gray, Maj. C. G. G. Reynolds, Capt. Geo. Offrett and Lieut. W. B. F. McKissock, of Lowell.

Grand Cantons Shawmut, of Boston; Ridgely, of Chelsea; Bunker Hill, of Charlestown and Cambridge, of Cambridge, as a battalion of 220 chevaliers, in command of Major E. H. Emerson.

Component No. 1, Capt. O. W. Dickinson.

Component No. 2, Capt. C. F. Brackett.

Component No. 3, Maj. H. B. Gray.

Component No. 4, Capt. A. C. Andrews.

Grand Canton, Agawam, of Lawrence.

Forty-three chevaliers, in command of Capt. G. W. Towne.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Crescent Band of Waltham, twenty-three pieces; F. J. Smiley, Leader.

Escort to Chief Marshal consisting of Charlestown Battalion, with Glidden W. Joy, Marshal, and J. R. Allen and E. H. Carter, as Aids.

Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 14, of Charlestown, forty brothers; Glidden W. Joy, Noble Grand.

Howard Lodge, No. 22, of Charlestown, forty brothers; Eben R. Scott, Noble Grand.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 78, of Charlestown, forty brothers; Geo. A. Pitcher, Noble Grand.

CHIEF MARSHAL,

Col. CHARLES H. PORTER, of Boston, and Staff; Chief of Staff, Geo. W. Young, of Boston; Aids: E. E. Burdon, of West Newton; J. R. Black, of Worcester; F. M. Dutch, of West Newton; J. O. Harding, of Boston; W. H. Whitney, of South Boston; C. H. Durell, of South Boston; Geo. C. Douglass, of Worcester; and Thos. A. Mitchell, of Boston.

Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, of Boston, thirty-five brothers; Benjamin F. Murch, Noble Grand; George E. Lovett, Marshal.

Oriental Lodge, No. 10, of Boston, one hundred brothers; P. B. Runyan, Noble Grand; J. I. Heywood, Marshal.

Bethel Lodge, No. 12, of Arlington, fifty brothers; Jacob Bitzer, Noble Grand; Jas. H. Richardson, Marshal.

Paul Revere Lodge, No. 184, Winter Hill, thirty brothers; L. B. Chander, Noble Grand; J. F. Maxwell, Marshal.

Caleb Rand Lodge, No. 197, of West Somerville, forty brothers; Joseph D. Young, Noble Grand; Charles F. Bertwell, Marshal.

Mt. Sinai Lodge, No. 169, of Cambridge, thirty-eight brothers; Chas. H. Cutler, Noble Grand; W. E. Bucknam, Marshal.

Essex Lodge, No. 26, of Salem, forty-five brothers; E. W. Dalton, Noble Grand; A. J. Wilson, Marshal.

Southbridge Lodge, No. 47, of Southbridge, fifty brothers; Frederick Morse, Noble Grand; M. L. Dillaler, Marshal.

Tiot Lodge, No. 50, of Norwood, seventy brothers; M. J. Nelson, Noble Grand; F. A. Fales, Marshal.

Uxbridge Lodge, No. 120, of Uxbridge, twenty brothers; William J. Benjamin, Noble Grand; W. E. Chipman, Marshal.

Mt. Wollaston Lodge, No. 80, of Quincy, fifteen brothers; H. O. Souther, Noble Grand; E. B. Brown, Marshal.

Marlboro' Lodge, No. 85, of Marlboro', thirty-five brothers; W. E. Searles, Noble Grand; G. J. Andrews, Marshal.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 89, of Clinton, forty-five brothers; A. S. Wright, Noble Grand; W. E. Taylor, Marshal.

Clinton Lodge, No. 199, of Clinton, forty-six brothers; C. B. Walker, Noble Grand; E. H. Jaquith, Marshal.

Daniel Hersey Lodge, No. 200, of Jamaica Plain, fifty-five brothers; M. G. Estabrook, Noble Grand; James Rodgers, Marshal.

Acton Lodge, No. 203, of Acton, thirty-five brothers; W. H. Lawrence, Noble Grand.

Massasoit Lodge, No. 69, of Brockton, sixty brothers; O. L. Dunton, Noble Grand; Z. W. Lewis, Marshal.

Electric Lodge, No. 204, of Brockton, one hundred and fifty brothers ; Walter B. Knight, Noble Grand; F. A. Hoyt, Marshal.

Ware Lodge, No. 209, of Ware, thirty brothers ; Mark Sherwin, Noble Grand; W. V. Howard, Marshal.

Nonotuck Lodge, No. 61, of Northampton, sixty brothers ; Geo. T. Stauter, Noble Grand; J. E. Lanbey, Marshal.

Newton Lodge, No. 92, of West Newton, thirty brothers ; E. A. Wood, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Waban Lodge, No. 156, of Newtonville, forty brothers ; James Lister, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 173, of Wellesley, twenty-five brothers; Sylvanus C. Evans, Noble Grand.

Quinobequin Lodge, No. 70, of Jamaica Plain, one hundred and twenty-five brothers ; C. E. Morse, Noble Grand; S. S. Madison, Marshal.

Hockomocko Lodge, No. 79, of Westboro, thirty brothers ; J. G. Taft, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Leominster Lodge, No. 86, of Leominster, one hundred brothers ; C. H. Arrington, Noble Grand; C. H. Tenney, Marshal.

Carriage containing Luke C. Richardson, Charles L. Joslyn, David C. Allen, and E. R. Knapp, veteran members of Leominster Lodge.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 105, of Holliston, thirty-five brothers ; C. M. Champney, Noble Grand; N. E. Bridges, Marshal.

Forest Lodge, No. 148, of Hyde Park, seventy-five brothers ; E. E. Monroe, Noble Grand; E. T. Tuckerman, Marshal.

Allon Lodge, No. 126, of Hyde Park, seventy-five brothers; George R. Keene, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Lynn Division, Chief Marshal, M. F. Huckins; Chief of Staff, A. W. Larkin; Aids: Chas. H. Goldthwaite, Wm F. Belcher, Henry Silsbee, Henry S. Trasher, Chas. H. Wilson, Geo. O. Tarbox, F. D. Mayo, Daniel F. Knowlton, Geo. W. Conway, Fred M. Blanchford, J. C. Wilson, and S. E. Welsh.

Bay State Lodge, No. 40, of Lynn, one hundred brothers, Chas. A. Damon, Noble Grand; Richard McBrien, Marshal.

West Lynn Lodge, No. 65, of West Lynn, fifty-five brothers ; Geo. H. Alton, Noble Grand; J. H. Anderson, Marshal.

Providence Lodge, No. 171, of Lynn, one hundred brothers ; Charles W. Phillips, Noble Grand ; W. R. Storer, Marshal.

Richard W. Drown Lodge, No. 106, of Lynn, thirty brothers; O. R. Dushuttle, Noble Grand; C. N. Wentworth, Marshal.

Glenmere Lodge, No. 139, of Lynn, twenty-five brothers ; N. H. Boynton, Noble Grand; L. S. Southworth, Marshal.

Swampscott Lodge, No. 140, of Swampscott, twenty-five brothers, Daniel F. Knowlton, Noble Grand; John I. Adams, Marshal.

Cliftondale Lodge, No. 193, of Cliftondale, thirty-six brothers; A. H. Hayden, Noble Grand; J. L. Rowell, Marshal.

East Lynn Lodge, No. 207, of East Lynn, seventy-five brothers; Charles E. Sprague, Noble Grand; E. D. Lovett, Marshal.

Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46, of Milford, forty brothers; W. J. Burton, Noble Grand; P. E. McCullough, Marshal.

Cambridge Lodge, No. 13, of Cambridge, seventy-five brothers; H. E. Burton, Noble Grand; C. H. Jackson, Marshal.

Holyoke Lodge, No. 134, of Holyoke, fifty brothers; C. L. Barker, Noble Grand; William Marshall, Marshal.

Hermann Lodge, No. 133, of Boston, seventy-five brothers; Paul Goerlich, Noble Grand; Henry Mais, Marshal.

Centennial Lodge, No. 178, of West Boylston, forty brothers; W. H. Vickery, Noble Grand and Marshal.

De Soto Lodge, No. 155, of Springfield, one hundred brothers; W. C. Colton, Noble Grand; F. S. Leonard, Marshal.

Monson Lodge, No. 210, of Monson, twenty-five brothers; John Cross, Noble Grand; A. A. Babbitt, Marshal.

Chicopee Lodge, No. 115, of Chicopee Falls, twenty-five brothers; Warren H. Hamilton, Noble Grand; James H. Loomis, Marshal.

Nonantum Lodge, No. 116, of Allston, fifty brothers; Geo. C. Mentzer, Noble Grand; Wm. H. Hall, Marshal.

Maanexit Lodge, No. 117, of Webster, sixty brothers; Joseph Crawford, Noble Grand; F. C. Crawford, Marshal.

Whitinsville Lodge, No. 124, of Whitinsville, seventy brothers; R. H. Johnston, Noble Grand; L. H. Davis, Marshal.

Mt. Roulstone Lodge, No. 98, of Fitchburg, one hundred brothers; H. H. Kendall, Noble Grand; C. W. Cowdry, Marshal.

Apollo Lodge, No. 205, of Fitchburg, forty brothers; Chas. S. Chapin, Noble Grand; Henry Cowdry, Marshal.

North Star Lodge, No. 144, of Townsend, twenty-five brothers; G. A. Wilder, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 102, of North Grafton; James H. Johnson, Noble Grand; Addington Smith, Marshal.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 130, of Millbury, thirty brothers; Fred. D. Goss, Noble Grand; J. Alden Coffin, Marshal.

Good Will Lodge, No. 181, of Spencer, sixty brothers; Fred M. Brown, Noble Grand, George B. Clark, Marshal.

Malden Lodge, No. 201, of Malden, fifty brothers; C. F. Pinney, Noble Grand; Wm. T. Hill, Marshal.

Manomonack Lodge, No. 121, of Winchendon, seventy brothers; James A. Patterson, Noble Grand; W. W. Holman, Marshal.

William Ellison Lodge, No. 185, of Gardner, seventy-five brothers; E. J. Sawyer, Noble Grand ; George Kendall, Marshal.

Naukeag Lodge, No. 196, of Ashburnham, twenty-five brothers; A. E. Willard, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Arcturus Lodge, No. 187, of Warren, sixty brothers ; E. L. Foskit, Noble Grand; F. E. Wilcox, Marshal.

Tully Lodge, No. 136, of Athol, fifty brothers ; George H. Cragin, Noble Grand; H. L. Hapgood, Marshal.

TRUSTEES AND GUESTS.

Marshal of Carriages, Daniel A. Harrington, of Worcester.

First carriage, Lieut.-Gov. Haile, Wm. E. Ford, President Trustees; Francis Jewett and Nathan Taylor, Trustees.

Second carriage, Mayor Francis A. Harrington, of Worcester; Judge Wm. E. Parmenter, of Cambridge; and James T. Joslin and John J. Whipple, Trustees.

Third carriage, Henry Denver, Trustee, and Aldermen C. H. Pinkerton, W. A. Lyttle, and A. Frank Gates.

Fourth carriage, E. L. Parker, of Worcester; Aldermen Francis Plunkett, Warren C. Jewett and Geo. W. Coombs, of Worcester.

Fifth carriage, Francis W. Grout, Hon. T. C. Bates, Hon. C. B. Pratt and J. G. Smith, of Worcester.

Sixth carriage, Hon. Samuel Winslow, A. M. Taft and Geo. J. Merritt, of Worcester.

Seventh carriage, Otto Kramer, of Boston, W. B. Nourse, of Worcester, E. A. Besson, of Lynn, and G. W. Clark.

Eighth carriage, James D. Morton, A. A. Barker, of Worcester, Rufus B. Gifford and J. H. Gifford, of Salem.

Ninth carriage, Highway Commissioners, L. B. Stone, F. W. Duncan, E. K. Wheelock, and E. G. Mears.

ENCAMPMENT DIVISION.

Chief Marshal, E. A. Wood ; Chief of Staff, Maynard P. Roach ; Aids: Geo. F. Green, of Waltham; Joseph F. Bartlett, of Clinton; H. B. Belcher, Herbert Wesby, A. M. Thompson, J. H. Hartwell, Charles W. Streeter, R. E. Baker and C. P. Driscoll.

Worcester Battalion of Encampments, one hundred and twenty patriarchs, W. E. Bancroft, Marshal; F. B. Fay and John J. Upham, Aids.

Worcester Encampment, sixty patriarchs.

Mt. Vernon Encampment, sixty patriarchs.

Waltham, Natick, and Garden City Encampments, eighteen patriarchs; J. E. Johonnot of Waltham, Marshal.

Lawrence Encampment, fifty patriarchs; John Ball of Lawrence, Marshal.

Quinshepaug Encampment of Milford, thirty patriarchs; J. R. Bennett, Marshal.

Gardner Encampment, fifty patriarchs; F. L. Parker, Marshal.

GRAND OFFICERS IN CARRIAGES.

First carriage, F. E. Merriman, Grand Representative, and Chas. N. Alexander, P. G. Rep., of Boston; William S. Phelps, P. G. Patriarch, of So. Framingham, and Chas. B. Dunkerton, G. Rep., of Worcester.

Second carriage, N. A. Very, G. Treasurer, of Salem, John P. Loring, P. G. Patriarch, of Boston, C. C. Fuller, A. G. Instructor, of Worcester, and Moses H. Sibley, D. G. Sentinel, of Salem.

Third carriage, A. B. Plimpton, P. G. Master, and N. S. Greenleaf, P. G. Patriarch, of Lowell; J. L. Martin, A. G. Scribe, of Boston.

Fourth carriage, G. H. Stickney, of Salem, and W. H. Pearson, of Boston, P. G. Patriarchs; W. J. Rowell, G. J. W., of Lynn; James P. Litch, G. Sentinel, of Malden.

Fifth carriage, C. A. Mayo, G. Patriarch, of Malden, Oscar A. Marden, G. H. P., of Stoughton, and Wm. S. French, G. S. W., of West Newton.

WORCESTER BATTALION OF LODGES.

C. E. Olney, Marshal; M. N. Wicker, Aid.

Quinsigamond Lodge, one hundred and six brothers; W. M. Adams, Marshal.

Worcester Lodge, fifty-six brothers; J. H. Richardson, Marshal.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE IN CARRIAGES.

First carriage, William Marble, P. G. M., of Cambridge, Enos H. Tucker, P. G. M., of Needham; Julius L. Clarke, P. G. M. and Grand Treasurer, of West Newton, and Chas. D. Cole, Grand Secretary, of Cambridge.

Second carriage, Henry Clark, P. G. M., of Winchendon, Rev. Samuel Hotchkiss, of Cambridge, Zachariah Cushman, G. H., of Boston, and Joseph York, G. I., of Wollaston.

Third carriage, E. Dana Bancroft, P. G. M., of Ayer, and Geo. B. Hamlin, P. G. M., of Somerville.

Fourth carriage, A. S. Esty, Grand Marshal, of Somerville, Rev. Wm. F. Dusseault, Grand Chaplain, of Malden, A. S. Pinkerton, Grand Rep. and P. G. M., of Worcester, and R. W. Taber, P. G. M., of New Bedford.

Fifth carriage, J. B. Crawford, Grand Master, of Boston, James M. Price, D. G. M., of Cambridge, and Louis A. Cook, G. W., of South Weymouth. This carriage was escorted by the Noble Grands of the Worcester lodges.

Central Lodge of Worcester, 100 brothers; C. H. Duncan, Marshal.

Ridgely Lodge of Worcester, 80 brothers; L. H. William, Marshal.

Anchoria Lodge of Worcester, 40 brothers; W. H. Cooper, Marshal.

Carriages containing aged members of the Worcester Lodges and Encampments closed the procession.

THE REVIEW.

When the line reached the City Hall, after its march from the Home, it was reviewed by the Grand Officers, Mayor Harrington, City Marshal Ansel Washburn, Aldermen Warren C. Jewett, E. L. Barker, A. Frank Gates, Francis Plunkett, Francis W. Grout, Geo. W. Coombs, Wm. A. Lytle, Charles H. Pinkham, Trustees of the Home William E. Ford, Maj. Nathan Taylor, Henry Denver, James T. Joslin, John J. Whipple, President of the Worcester Common Council Eben F. Thompson, Councilmen Irving E. Comins, Edward J. McMahon, George M. Rice, 2nd, George S. Dixon, Homer R. King, John F. Adams, Daniel F. Fitzgerald, John F. Riley, James P. Crosby, John J. Murphy, Michael L. Russell, John J. Flaherty, Clerk of the Council S. Hamilton Coe, City Almoner Freeman Brown, Clerk of the Board of Health James C. Coffey, City Treasurer Wm. S. Barton, Water Commissioner John G. Brady, Highway Commissioner L. B. Stone, Supt. of Public Buildings Chas. H. Peck, Assistant Charles Adams, Water Registrar George E. Batchelder, Assessors Harrison G. Otis, Amos M. Parker and Thos. Talbot.

Immediately after passing in review, the several organizations went to their headquarters, and the parade was finished. Thus ended this great and memorable demonstration of American Odd Fellowship.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

BOSTON, September 3, 1896.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Massachusetts: —

BRETHREN, — The Home established for our unfortunate Brothers continues to receive careful attention from our fraternity and friends; and as Trustees, we are grateful to all interested in its success, for the substantial assistance rendered and the kind wishes expressed. This system of charity in our Order is somewhat new and has not yet been fully developed, but it is fast becoming recognized as a powerful agency in fulfilling the promises and obligations, made to faithful and worthy members. We have reason to feel proud of what has been done thus far, and to hope and expect that the work we have begun, will be carried on to a higher and more successful completion and that our beloved Order throughout this country, will have many such places in which the aged and weary sojourner may find rest, comfort, and peace.

INMATES.

We have now as members of our family 51 persons. Most of them are too feeble to render much assistance in the way of labor, but a few are very useful in various ways and deem it a pleasure to render such services as their strength will permit. In another part of this report will be found a complete list of our members, giving ages, Lodges, etc.

DEATHS.

During the past year death has visited our Home and removed two members: —

Brother Edward P. Stacy died February 9, 1896, of consumption, aged 61 years and 2 months. He was a member of Friendship Lodge, of Cambridgeport, and was buried in that city by his Lodge.

Brother Joshua B. Dunbar, of Eastern Star Lodge, died June 21, 1896, 74 years of age. His remains were deposited in Woodlawn Cemetery, Chelsea, by his Lodge. Funeral services were held at the Home before the remains were removed.

DEATH OF A TRUSTEE.

On the 22d day of April last, the Hon. Francis Jewett, P. G. M., died very suddenly of apoplexy, at his residence in Lowell. Brother Jewett had been a Trustee since 1887. He was a very valuable member, always attentive to his duties, bringing his large and useful experience as a business man to the services of his associates. His funeral

was attended by the Trustees at Lowell, and suitable resolutions were sent by them to his family. By his death the Home has lost a devoted, faithful servant and friend, and it will be difficult to fill his place as a member of the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Home needs an elevator. Our members are aged and feeble; it is quite an effort for them to mount the long flight of stairs, and we hope some means may be provided by which an elevator can be secured. The estimated cost is about $3500.

NEW ROOMS.

The building is now occupied to its utmost capacity; the rooms are all full and more are needed. We have 51 members and several applicants awaiting admission. If another section of the upper story could be finished, we should have five more rooms. This could be done at a cost of $1300.00.

BURIAL LOT.

It has become necessary to provide a burial lot for members who are not cared for in this respect. A suitable one can be purchased for $300.00.

REBEKAH'S GARDEN.

This lot of land, donated by Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., for a flower garden, is being cultivated by a committee from the Rebekah Lodges, and adds to the attraction of the place.

MEDICAL STAFF.

The Medical Staff which has voluntarily served our Home since its establishment, rendering faithful, generous and satisfactory service, have made a request to be released from further service on account of interference with other professional duties. The Trustees reluctantly consented to this request and subsequently secured the services of Dr. George F. Balcom as physician at the Home for the term of one year.

PREACHING.

Our Sunday services have been continued during the past year by the Clergy of Worcester, and we feel thankful to them for their kindness.

FARM.

The farm is in good condition. The product for this season has been 20 tons of hay, and 140 bushels of potatoes, beside a large supply of vegetables. The milk furnished has been abundant and pure, and our supply of eggs and poultry is sufficient for the family's use most of the time.

LEGACY.

During the past year the Trustees have received notice of a legacy left to the Home by Mrs. E. M. Stockwell, of Worcester.

INSURANCE CERTIFICATES.

Applications are frequently made for admission to the Home by Brothers who are members of insurance organizations, like the Royal Arcanum and kindred societies. A Brother has been paying his money to them for years, in order that he may leave something to compensate his relatives for caring for him in his old age. He desires to be admitted to the Home. He and his relatives are willing that the insurance should be made payable to the trustees of the Home, *to such an amount as is needed to care for him*, if the trustees will keep the policy alive. In some cases relatives have urged that this be done, preferring that the Brother should be taken care of by us, and willing that the Home should have the entire proceeds of the policy. Under the law, such organizations cannot be compelled to assent to such a transfer, and in most cases they refuse to give assent, knowing that if we do not keep the policy alive the party insured cannot, and it will lapse, thus benefitting their treasury so much.

As appears by the report of a fraternal insurance organization made to the Insurance Commissioner in 1894, 149 policies were paid, amounting to $432,000, while 434 policies lapsed; a ratio of nearly three to one. By these lapses the organization was released from paying $1,311,500. This demonstrates why these fraternal insurance companies prefer the lapses, and are unwilling that the assessments should be paid by us, and a transfer of policy made for a sum equal to the amount expended in supporting the holder of the policy.

At the last session of the Legislature an order was introduced, approved by the Insurance Commissioner, which provided that such transfer might be made if the parties to whom the policy was to be transferred would agree to the same. The act is printed herewith:

AN ACT CONCERNING BENEFICIARIES OF FRATERNAL AND ASSESSMENT COMPANIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Whenever a certificate, issued in accordance with the provisions of chapter four hundred twenty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred ninety, or the provisions of chapter three hundred sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred ninety-four, shall have been in force for the period of five years, and the insured, by reason of advanced age or pecuniary circumstances, shall become dependent upon others for his support, such certificate, at the request of the insured, and with the consent of the beneficiary named therein, may be transferred from such beneficiary to any institution guaranteeing the future care during the lifetime of the insured.

SECT. 2. Before such change in beneficiary the institution to which the transfer is to be made shall contract and agree in such form as shall be approved by the insurance commissioner for the Commonwealth, that upon the death of the insured and the receipt by it of the amount to be paid under the certificate, the said institution, after deducting from the sum received the full cost of maintaining the insured, and the beneficiary if supported by said institution, during the period from the date of such transfer until his death, including expenses of burial, will return the balance of the money received under such certificate to the beneficiaries who, except for such transfer, would have been entitled to the same.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The bill failed to become a law. Unfortunately a circular was sent out by one of the interested Orders which misrepresented the measure, and made it appear to be for the purpose of allowing speculation in insurance. It was nothing of the kind. The bill was safe guarded in the strongest manner, and had the support of Orders like ours which cares for the aged and infirm.

COST OF SUPPORT PER MEMBER.

The present number of members at the Home is 51, and nearly all have resided there fifty-two weeks during the last year.

There are a few, however, that have been admitted during the year, and others have been away temporarily. The total number of weeks which the members have passed at the Home during the year ending July 1, 1896, was 2,451.

The cost of groceries, meats, provisions, fuel, light and water, and the amount paid for salaries and wages for the same year, was

$7,326.44, or $2.99 per week per member, while the total expense of supporting the Home, including the above and the cost of wearing apparel, medicines, furniture, stock and other farming expenses, repairs and replacement on buildings and furnishings, was $11,148.72, or $4.55 per week per member.

THE HOME AND ITS FINANCIAL RECORD.

In this connection we may appropriately re-emphasize the assurance expressed in a former report, that we have indeed a most gratifying record of kindly and magnanimous interest, which, even from its initiatory induction, has revealed such material and generous response in the establishment and endowment of the Home as a truly humane and fraternal ministry of our Order. In proof thereof, it may be stated that donations received for all purposes, including land, building, and contingent outfit, both in cash and other gifts, aggregate nearly or quite $135,000.00. The total cash receipts from all sources and for all purposes, trust funds excepted, have been thus far $116,931.31, including, of course, the per capita assessments as authorized by the Grand Lodge; while payments therefrom, for all purposes, have amounted to $106,002.90, leaving a present balance of $10,928.41, of which $9,631,77 remains for general account, $515.10 for the furnishing of rooms, and $781.54 contributed as a reserve or emergency fund, the two latter on deposit with trust funds in the Wildey Savings Bank.

We are happy to reaffirm our former statement that the record of those who have thus far contributed cash and other donations in aid of the Home, as reported from time to time, is in itself a memorable illustration of fraternal beneficence. Among the donors thus enrolled are our Grand Lodge and 169 Subordinate Lodges, our Grand Encampment and eight Subordinate Encampments, two Grand Cantons, forty-two Rebekah Lodges and eleven Rebekah Sewing Circles, together with a long list of individual donors, some of them not members of our Order, but prompted in their generosity by the noble and humane service in view. In this connection we gratefully recall many whose munificent and timely aid in furnishing rooms and other outfit at their own expense has proved so helpful and welcome; nor will our Order ever cease to hold in grateful

remembrance the liberality of Thomas H. Dodge, who came first with his gift of a magnificent and capacious building site for the Home. With this brief review of financial interests and munificence appertaining to the Home and its welfare, covering as it does a period of nine years, it may be appropriately suggested that there is still opportunity for the enlargement of its roll of benefactors and beneficence. In this behalf, the following statement from the Treasurer will be of interest to all.

DONATIONS FROM LODGES AND MEMBERS.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts		$5,000 00
Donations from Subordinate Lodges:—		
Massachusetts, No. 1, Boston		500 00
Siloam, No. 2, Boston	$200 00	
Also from members (*a*)	1,500 00	
		1,700 00
Commonwealth, No. 3, Boston	$200 00	
Moses T. Durrell, a member	100 00	
		300 00
New England, No. 4, East Cambridge		300 00
Merrimack, No. 7, Lowell		1,000 00
Crystal Fount, No. 9, Woburn		125 00
Oriental, No. 10, Boston		250 00
Mechanics, No. 11, Lowell		1,000 00
Bethel, No. 12, Arlington	$100 00	
From members, names not reported	36 00	
		136 00
Cambridge, No. 13, Cambridgeport		200 00
Bunker Hill, No. 14, Charlestown	$1,000 00	
From members (*b*)	625 00	
		1,625 00
Covenant, No. 16, Boston		165 00
Middlesex, No. 17, Malden		200 00
Warren, No. 18, Roxbury		300 00
Good Samaritan, No. 19, Taunton		100 00
Friendship, No. 20, Cambridgeport		300 00
Wildey, No. 21, South Weymouth		100 00
Howard, No. 22, Charlestown	$500 00	
Lewis H. Richardson, a member	50 00	
		550 00
Franklin, No. 23, Boston		100 00
Essex, No. 26, Salem, from members, names not reported		350 00

Oberlin, No. 28, Lowell		$1,000 00
Lafayette, No. 31, Watertown		25 00
Montezuma, No. 33, Boston, from members, names not reported	$ 354 00	
Charles Hayden, a member	1,000 00	
		1,354 00
Hope, No. 34, Methuen		50 00
Prospect, No. 35, Waltham, from members, names not reported		500 00
Everett, No. 36, Everett		50 00
Souhegan, No. 38, Wakefield		150 00
Quascacunquen, No. 39, Newburyport		200 00
Bay State, No. 40, Lynn		1,000 00
Acushnet, No. 41, New Bedford		500 00
Quinsigamond, No. 43, Worcester	$3,000 00	
From members (*c*)	381 00	
		3,381 00
King Philip, No. 44, Taunton		100 00
Framingham, No. 45, South Framingham, from members, names not reported		133 00
Tisquantum, No. 46, Milford		100 00
Southbridge, No. 47, Southbridge, from members, names not reported		17 00
Norfolk, No. 48, Dorchester		300 00
Veritas, No. 49, Lowell		250 00
Tiot, No. 50, Norwood		25 00
Agawam, No. 52, Ipswich		100 00
Atlantic, No. 55, Marblehead		50 00
Worcester, No. 56, Worcester	$3,000 00	
From members (*d*)	605 00	
		3,605 00
Berkshire, No. 57, Pittsfield		200 00
Elliot, No. 58, Needham		50 00
Takawambait, No. 59, Natick		125 00
Harvard, No. 60, Harvard		156 00
Nonotuck, No. 61, Northampton, from members, names not reported		336 50
St. John's, No. 62, Chicopee		100 00
Mt. Hope, No. 63, Fall River		100 00
Shawsheene, No. 64, Billerica		50 00
West Lynn, No. 65, Lynn		500 00
Nantucket, No. 66, Nantucket		100 00
Massasoit, No. 69, Brockton		300 00
Quinobequin, No. 70, Jamaica Plain, from members, names not reported		101 00

King David, No. 71, Franklin		$100 00
Stoughton, No. 72, Stoughton		100 00
Elysian, No. 73, Somerset		100 00
Woronoco, No. 74, Westfield		200 00
Rising Star, No. 76, Randolph		100 00
Unity, No. 77, Boston		150 00
Hockomocko, No. 79, Westboro		100 00
Mt. Wollaston, No. 80, Quincy		100 00
Putnam, No. 81, Roxbury, from members (*e*)		221 75
Crescent, No. 83, East Weymouth		100 00
Mutual Relief, No. 83, Haverhill		500 00
Neponset, No. 84, Neponset		200 00
Marlboro, No. 85, Marlboro		100 00
Leominster, No. 86, Leominster		200 00
Excelsior, No. 87, Foxboro, from members (*f*)		100 00
Saxonville, No. 88, Saxonville, from members, names not reported		100 00
Lancaster, No. 89, Clinton		300 00
Powow River, No. 90, Amesbury		100 00
Ocean, No. 91, Gloucester		1,000 00
Newton, No. 92, West Newton, from members, names not reported	$127 87	
From George D. Gilman, P. G.	20 00	
		147 87
Blue Hill, No. 93, Canton		75 00
Mt. Auburn, No. 94, Cambridgeport		25 00
Lowell, No. 95, Lowell		250 00
Marine, No. 96, Provincetown		100 00
Commercial, No. 97, Boston		100 00
Mt. Roulstone, No. 98, Fitchburg		500 00
Oneco, No. 100, North Adams		100 00
Winthrop, No. 101, North Abington		11 00
Evening Star, No. 102, North Grafton		51 00
Fredonian, No. 103, Shirley		100 00
Holten, No. 104, Peabody		100 00
Evergreen, No. 105, Holliston		10 00
Richard W. Drown, No. 106, Lynn		1,000 00
Aurora, No. 107, North Attleboro	$200 00	
From Members	16 00	
		216 00
Old Colony, No. 108, Hingham, from members, names not reported		85 00
Valley, No. 109, Turner's Falls		25 00

Mattakesett, No. 110, Duxbury, $3 per member (107), names not reported		321 00
Wauwinet, No. 111, North Andover		50 00
Ridgely, No. 112, Worcester	$700 00	
Frank P. Edwards, a member	5 00	
Herbert B. Belcher, a member	5 00	
		710 00
Webster, No. 113, Whitman		100 00
Eagle, No. 114, Hopkinton		100 00
Nonantum, No. 116, Allston		150 00
Maanexit, No. 117, Webster		25 00
Wankinquoah, No. 119, Wareham		100 00
Uxbridge, No. 120, Uxbridge		100 00
Manomonack, No. 121, Winchendon		100 00
United Brothers, No. 122, Lawrence		500 00
Whitinsville, No. 124, Whitinsville		100 00
Granite, No. 127, Rockport		200 00
Alethian, No. 128, Shelburne Falls		500 00
Hoosuck Valley, No. 129, Adams		25 00
Morning Star, No. 130, Millbury		100 00
Maynard, No. 131, Maynard, from proceeds of Fair		113 00
Fraternal, No. 132, Orleans		50 00
Hermann, No. 133, Boston, $3 each from 140 members		420 00
Holyoke, No. 134, Holyoke		100 00
Middleboro, No. 135, Middleboro		300 00
Tully, No. 136, Athol, from members, names not reported		140 00
Reliance, No. 137, Walpole, " " " "		184 50
Tekoa, No. 138 Merrick		100 00
Anchoria, No. 142, Worcester	$275 00	
W. A. Denholm, a member	100 00	
C. F. Hanson, a member	5 00	
		380 00
Eastern Star, No. 143, East Boston		350 00
North Star, No. 144, Townsend		100 00
Monadnock, No. 145, Lawrence		100 00
Oasis, No. 146, Somerville		325 00
Protection, No. 147, Georgetown		100 00
Forest, No. 148, Hyde Park		335 65
Magnolia, No. 149, Manchester		300 00
Lawrence, No. 150, Lawrence		200 00
Mizpah, No. 151, Haverhill		300 00
Westfield, No. 152, Westfield, from members, names not reported		200 00

Danvers, No. 153, Danvers		100 00
Hudson, No. 154, Hudson		100 00
De Soto, No. 155, Springfield		2,000 00
Waban, No. 156, Newtonville	$50 00	
From Charles A. Read, P. G.	100 00	
		150 00
Melrose, No. 157, Melrose, from members, names not reported		105 50
Dorchester, No. 158, Dorchester		50 00
Robert Burns, No. 159, Ayer		100 00
Samoset, No. 160, Chester		50 00
Ashland, No. 161, Ashland		100 00
Medway, No. 163, Medway	$100 00	
E. V. Mitchell, a member	25 00	
		125 00
Friendly Union, No. 164, Fall River		200 00
Orient, No. 165, Attleboro		100 00
Central, No. 168, Worcester	$1,500 00	
O. M. Savels, a member	5 00	
		1,505 00
Mt. Sinai, No. 169, North Cambridge		300 00
Fountain, No. 170, Topsfield		50 00
Amity, No. 172, Springfield		500 00
Sincerity, No. 173, Wellesley		50 00
Riverside, No. 174, Merrimac		100 00
Beacon, No. 175, East Pepperell		75 00
Mt. Pleasant, No. 176, Upham's Corner, Dorchester		50 00
Standish, No. 177, Rockland		100 00
Centennial, No. 178, West Boylston		26 00
Woodbine, No. 180, North Brookfield		100 00
Goodwill, No. 181, Spencer		100 00
Social, No. 182, Orange	$100 00	
From Members, names not reported	88 50	
		188 50
Pioneer, No. 183, Bridgewater	$75 00	
From Members (*g*)	28 00	
		103 00
Paul Revere, No. 184, Somerville, in part from members, names not reported		283 00
William Ellison, No. 185, West Gardner		106 00
Arcturus, No. 187, Warren		100 00
Palmer, No. 190, Palmer		300 00
America, No. 191, Boston		150 00

Cohasset, No. 192, Cohasset	$10 00	
From members, names not reported	15 00	
		25 00
Mansfield, No. 194, Mansfield		50 00
Wampum, No. 195, Wrentham		10 00
Naukeag, No. 196, Ashburnham		100 00
Governor Gore, No. 198, Waltham		110 00
Clinton, No. 199, Clinton		150 00
Acton, No. 203, West Acton		50 00
Colfax, No. 206, East Bridgewater, from members		15 40
Ware, No. 209, Ware, from members, names not reported		5 20
Kearsage, No. 217, Lynn		25 00
Total		$51,263 77

DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE ORDER.

The following supplementary statement contains the names of members of the Order, so far as reported, who have contributed personal donations in connection with their respective Lodges, the same being lettered and printed in their consecutive order, and for which reference may be had to the list of Lodges, as before printed. In many cases the names of members so contributing were not reported, although in some instances their donations covered the entire amount standing to the credit of their Lodges.

(*a*) The following is the list of members of Siloam Lodge, No. 2, and their friends, who contributed the liberal sum of $1,500 in aid of the Massachusetts Odd Fellows Home, the same being in addition to the $200 donated by the Lodge and $100 for furnishing a room, as reported in that account, the whole aggregating $1,800:

Buttner, L. C.	$3 00	Moore, J. F.	$10 00
Brown, D. J.	10 00	Page, C. F.	50 00
Burnham, W. S.	5 00	Pollard, Mrs. Ann S.	100 00
Curtis, Mrs G. A.	25 00	Sargent, Mrs. Martha	100 00
Foster, Charles	1 00	Siloam Lodge	200 00
Kinsell, H. H.	5 00		

Contributing members of Siloam Lodge:

Ashley, Homer	$10 00	Burdett, C. A.	20 00
Adams, Luther	5 00	Buxton, W.	1 00
Bates, N. N.	1 00	Burns, G. W.	10 00
Bursley, H.	2 00	Beal, H. T.	2 00
Butler, E. R.	10 00	Brooks, J. N.	5 00
Brigham, George O.	25 00	Butterfield, A. P.	5 00
Brazier, L. R.	2 00	Bingham, J.	5 00

Bursley, W. H.	2 00
Brown, J. M.	5 50
Burbank, H. Z.	5 00
Barron, G. A.	1 00
Baker, A. T.	2 00
Classen, T. D.	5 00
Curtis, A. P.	25 00
Collamore, W.	2 00
Chandler, H. B.	15 00
Chadburne, L.	1 00
Cutting, W. L.	5 00
Clark, G. F.	2 00
Campbell, H.	1 00
Day, N.	10 00
Davis, G. H.	50 00
Dix, M. S.	2 00
Dimond, H. C.	5 00
Doe, A.	1 00
Dose, H.	5 00
Earl, H.	5 00
Ela, J. Q.	5 00
Emerson, T. A.	2 00
Etchells, L.	5 00
Ford, William E, P. G. M.	100 00
Filene, W.	5 00
Foss, S. W.	2 00
Fuller, A.	5 00
Faulkner, E. D.	5 00
Gleason, J. M.	5 00
Gould, C. B.	5 00
Glidden, C.	2 00
Goodwin, W. H.	10 00
Gilby, J. S.	1 00
Haraden, D. T.	5 00
Honey, N.	5 00
Hallett, D. B.	50 00
Halstrick, J.	5 00
Harrison, P.	5 00
Hurlin, J. M.	2 00
Hollis, E. A.	1 00
Holden, H.	5 00
Hamlin, F. W.	2 00
Jaquith, A. D.	3 00
James, R.	5 00
Jones, L. L.	50 00
Johnson, F. T.	10 00
Keach, G. B.	2 00
Kendall, H. H.	5 00
Kennedy, F. L.	2 00
Lucas, S. F.	1 00
Lancaster, J. L.	1 00
Lugrin, A. W.	10 00
Littlefield, G. A.	5 00
Leavitt, J.	5 00
Lawrence, J. A.	1 00
Lindsey, H. A.	1 00
McKenney, C. H.	50 00
McQuade, T. A.	2 00
Nolte, G. J.	2 00
Orcutt, D. J.	3 00
Parker, C. S.	50 00
Porter, Thos. C., P. G. M.	50 00
Pray, W.	50 00
Parsons, G. A.	5 00
Robbins, G. W.	50 00
Rowe, S. S.	40 00
Romney, C. W.	10 00
Restarick, T. C.	15 00
Rowe, C. A.	5 00
Rowe, M. B.	5 00
Reed, G. M. D.	5 00
Ridler, P.	4 00
Rice, C. A.	5 00
Robinson, F. J.	2 00
Rodday, R. J.	5 00
Rice, A. D.	5 00
Seaver, E.	5 00
Smith, E. A.	50
Sanders, W.	1 00
Simpson, D. S.	50 00
Stoddard, E. B.	2 00
Sanborn, A. P.	2 00
Smith, E. F.	25 00
Simmons, G. H.	1 00
Swift, W.	2 00
Smith, J.	2 00
Shipley, C. L.	1 00
Thomson, G. W.	20 00
Tucker, Enos H., P. G. M.	25 00
Tufts, William	50 00
Tuttle, A. T.	1 00
Tucker, T. L.	5 00
Tuckett, J. T.	5 00
Tuckett, W. J.	5 00
Tuckerman, A. W.	5 00
Thompson, N. T. C.	3 00
Townsend, R. J.	3 00
Tuckett, J. F.	5 00
Waitt, J. M.	11 30
Wise, S. H.	25 00
Willis, G. O.	50
Waitt, A. M.	5 00
Walker, G. F.	3 00
Wheeler, G. F.	1 00
Yeaton, G. M.	2 00

(*b*) From members of Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 14:

Adams, Richard	$3 00	Goodnow, John B.	$10 00
Addie, John	1 00	Grant, Reuben R.	2 00
Albee, James G.	5 00	Grew, Herbert L.	1 00
Albree, John	50	Hamilton, J. J.	5 00
Alcon, Robert	5 00	Harmon, Frank E.	2 00
Ashly, Geo. W.	5 00	Harts, Charles	1 00
Atkins, Albert	2 00	Hartshorn, Samuel W.	5 00
Bailey, James E.	5 00	Hatch, Eugene I.	2 00
Bailey, O. C.	1 00	Hayward, Alexander M.	1 00
Beddoe, Thomas W.	2 00	Hewton, William	1 00
Beristock, Amos R.	1 00	Hichborn, William	2 00
Berry, Geo. A.	1 00	Hicks, J. Tyler	5 00
Blake, G. Stanly	2 00	Howels, William M.	10 00
Blanchard, Benjamin G.	25 00	Hurn, Geo. F.	2 00
Bowker, Frank L.	1 00	Jenkins, N. H.	25 00
Bradbury, John J.	2 00	Johnson, C. B.	2 00
Brazier, Fred C.	2 00	Jones, Daniel H.	3 00
Brazier, Walter S.	3 00	Keach, Charles H.	5 00
Brower, John H.	1 00	Lake, A. A. W.	10 00
Brown, Frank N.	2 00	Lamonte, Samuel A.	3 00
Bryant, Charles F.	2 00	Libby, James H.	2 00
Bryant, John	5 00	Littlehale, Samuel K.	2 00
Bryant, John E.	5 00	Lord, Thomas	5 00
Bryant, T. Weston	3 00	Loring, John P.	1 00
Buzzell, John F.	1 00	Lowell, John M.	5 00
Collins E. L.	5 00	Malcomson, J. B.	5 00
Chandler, John G.	25 00	Mann, Frank	10 00
Christie, William	5 00	Marden, A. H.	1 00
Coffin, William H.	2 00	Marden, Geo. O.	1 00
Coll, Rafael	1 00	Mason, Seth	1 00
Cooper, Charles,	5 00	Maynard, James B.	10 00
Corey, J. R.	2 00	McKinnon, John G.	1 00
Cressy, M. D.	2 00	Meserve, John S.	2 50
Crowell. Geo. F.	1 00	Miller, Edw. J. K.	1 00
Cullin, Edwin	3 00	Miller, Horace B.	2 00
Cutter, Leonard F.	25 00	Miskelly, James	5 00
Davis, Albert M.	2 00	Mitchell, Walter O.	2 00
Davis, Fred	3 00	Morris, William L.	1 00
Davis, Fred F.	2 00	Moses, Frank F.	2 00
Dean, Dwite R.	1 00	Moses, James T.	2 00
Doe, Augustus L.	1 00	Mullett, John	25 00
Dwight, Henry G.	2 00	Newton, William A.	1 50
Elvedt, Mark J.	1 00	Noble, J. Wyman	1 00
Ferguson, Luther E.	2 00	Nowlin, Geo. T.	2 00
Freeman, Ephraim W.	1 00	Oakes, Eben P.	1 00
Fuller, Arthur H.	3 00	Oakes, William H.	2 00
Fultz, Charles R.	1 50	Page, Charles P.	2 00
Gibby, Robert W.	1 00	Page, Henry L.	2 00
Given, John R.	5 00	Paine, Jesse	10 00
Givens, Charles	1 00	Paine, Joseph	3 00

Palmer, Charles G.	$1 00	Stone, Howard A.	2 00
Parkhurst, L. E.	2 00	Sutton, Thomas	5 00
Pearson, Joseph A.	5 00	Symms, Calvin	2 00
Pearson, Robert	5 00	Tate, George W.	1 00
Perkins, R. A.	3 00	Truman, J. Albert	2 00
Plaisted, William H.	5 00	Tucker, A. M.	1 00
Porter, Alonzo	10 00	Turner, Horatio G.	1 00
Potter, Briggs E.	2 00	Turner, John	25 00
Prime, Winfield F.	1 00	Twombly, Fred M.	1 00
Rand, J. B.	1 00	Very, Ray P. E.	1 00
Richardson, Amos H.	2 00	Viles, Charles L.	2 00
Robbins, Milton	1 00	Walker, J. G.	2 00
Robinson, John S.	5 00	Warner, Albert E.	5 00
Robinson, Sumner B.	2 00	Webber, George H.	1 00
Rose, George H.	1 00	Webber, James H.	1 00
Sargent, Louis	2 00	Weeks, Joseph W.	2 00
Sawin, Samuel D.	3 00	Weild, John	3 00
Sawtell, Charles W.	1 00	Welds, Joseph H.	1 00
Sawyer, A. D.	3 00	Wellington, Horatio, P.G.M.	25 00
Sawyer Lemuel B.	1 00	White, Edward T.	1 00
Seavey, James H.	1 00	White, Edwin A.	2 00
Shrow, Henry	5 00	White, George O.	1 00
Siegars, John A.	3 00	White, William E.	1 00
Smith, Alpheus	2 00	Wilson, John B.	10 00
Stackpole, Edwin F.	1 00	Wolston, Edward B.	2 00
Stanton, J. C., Jr.	5 00	Wright, Charles E. H.	5 00
Stanwood, William A.	1 00	Wright, J. Edward	2 00
Stearns, Phineas	5 00	Wright, Samuel	2 00
Stearns, P. P.	3 00	York, Edward E.	3 00
Stetson, E. B.	25 00	Young, Fred W.	2 00
Stetson, John	2 00		
Stinson, George W.	1 00	From members	$625 00
Stockman, John M.	5 00	Paid by Lodge	1,000 00
		Total from Lodge and members	$1,625 00

(*c*) From members of Quinsigamond Lodge, No 43:

O. W. Norcross	$200 00	Richard Fobes	$10 00
Charles C. Fuller	50 00	G. E. Stinson	5 00
A. M. Driscoll	40 00	J. D. Cogswell	5 00
Levi G. Corbin	10 00	A. R. Smith	5 00
Frank E. Brown	5 00	Eli F. Collier	2 00
James Harrop	5 00	John C. Woodcock	5 00
Thomas Harrop	5 00	Samuel Firth	5 00
J. L. Harrop	5 00	L. B. Butler	1 00
R. H. Swallow	5 00	P. Paffman	1 00
John A. Riley	5 00		
James C. Phelan	5 00	From members	$381 00
Nelson Guy	2 00	Paid by Lodge	3,000 00
J. R. Nichols	5 00		
		Total from Lodge and members	$3,381 00

(*d*) From members of Worcester Lodge, No. 56:

Bishop, John W.	$100 00	Kingston, George	$25 00
Bowler Brothers	10 00	Sears, John A.	75 00
Carr, George W.	5 00	Shattuck, M. E.	50 00
Clark, George H.	100 00	Smith, William H.	5 00
Clemence, James A.	25 00	Thompson, Albert M.	25 00
Cooley, M. S.	5 00		
Dally, John H.	25 00	From members	$605 00
Elliot, James I.	5 00	Paid by Lodge	3,000 00
Garfield, M. M.	50 00		
Hill, Edwin H.	100 00	Total Lodge and memb's	$3,605 00

(*e*) From 84 members of Putnam Lodge, No. 81:

Anderson, A. C.	$3 00	Holm, T. W.	$3 00
Anthony, B. F.	3 00	Howard, F.	1 00
Atwood, R. A.	3 00	Hapgood, L. W.	3 00
Ames, William H.	3 00	Halburton, J. A.	1 00
Bain, W. H.	3 00	Harnden, F.	4 00
Bryant, C. H.	3 00	Hanson, A. D.	3 00
Bills, G. H.	2 00	Hartshorn, H. L.	2 00
Brown, R.	1 75	Jex, J. C.	3 00
Bleischwitz, J.	3 00	Johnson, W. F.	1 00
Bannister, A.	2 00	Jackson, S. H.	1 00
Bottsford, C. B.	2 00	Jordan, H. R.	5 00
Babo, E. W.	2 00	Joy, W. B.	1 00
Burr, C. C.	2 00	Kramer, E. G.	3 00
Bennison, C. E.	2 00	Kinsley, H. D.	2 00
Coy, E. B.	2 00	Kent, H. L.	2 00
Crosby, H. H.	1 00	Lynde, William, Jr.	3 00
Cox, J. C. F.	3 00	Loveren, E. H.	3 00
Collinson, E. J.	3 00	Lawrence, O. W.	2 00
Cottle, H. W.	3 00	Loud, W. J.	2 00
Campbell, W. R.	5 00	Lawrence, E.	1 00
Casely, J. D.	1 00	Larkin, T. H.	3 00
Downie, J. W.	1 00	Leonard, E. A.	1 00
Dean, F. O.	3 00	McFadyen, D.	1 00
Dower, F. J.	2 00	McMurray, S. J.	2 00
Dinsmore, E. T.	3 00	Main, G. B.	2 00
Dustin, C. H.	2 00	Munn, J.	3 00
Dunn, T. C.	3 00	Merrill, C. B.	2 00
Davis, F. P.	2 00	Marque, Jex	2 00
Ferguson, R. G.	20 00	Newcomb, E.	3 00
Foster, H. E.	1 00	Niles, C.	3 00
Foster, R. D.	2 00	Ormiston, H. M.	2 00
Frank, R.	1 00	Potts, B. W.	3 00
Frank, W. M.	3 00	Paige, J. M.	3 00
Gray, G. E.	3 00	Russ, W. R.	3 00
Gilbert, F. J.	2 00	Randall, C. C.	2 00
Hayward, A. F.	3 00	Rogers, S. C. B.	3 00
Harrington, C. F.	3 00	Stone, C. S.	3 00

Sawyer, W. F.	3 00	Weiler, W.	$3 00
Sherive, G. H.	3 00	Woods, E. D.	3 00
Sinclair, J. D.	1 00	Wolley, C. B.	2 00
Towle, George	3 00	Young, B. J.	2 00
Towle, A.	3 00		
Taylor, H. L.	2 00	Total	$221 75
Weden, O. F.	3 00		

(*f*) From members of Excelsior Lodge, No. 87:

Linus E. Carpenter,	George B. Nickerson,	
George H. Joselyn,	Walter H. Fisher.	
Andrew J. Lancaster,	John A. Jackson,	
Collamore P. Small,	John S. Dill,	
Albert Fisher, Jr.,	Frank A. Bemis,	
Thomas D. Wilson,	W. G. Smith,	
Gardiner M. Pettee,	John W. Richardson,	
James M. McLeod,	C. Calvin Sumner,	
W. C. Crocker,	William H. Hearn,	
Joseph Gay,	Ernest C. Alexander,	
Joseph H. Dow,	Henry Davidson,	
Thomas J. Attwood,	G. Herbert Butterworth,	
Joseph Hearn,	Fred S. Lane,	
C. G. Hodges,	Walter S. Keith,	
C. A. Smith,	Herbert Faught,	
Arthur J. Bosworth,	Harry Dodkins,	
N. S. Small,	John H. Lewis,	
George M. Barron,	M. Golden,	
George W. Pettee,	Leon R. Hapgood,	
John W. Brynes,	William C. Goodwin,	
John S. Overhise,	Charles H. Abbott,	
Seth L. Wilbur,	David Thrasher.	
James E. Keyes,	Total	$100 00

(*g*) From members of Pioneer Lodge, No. 183:

A. J. Chamberlin	$1 00	Frank S. J. Thompson	$1 00
Fred T. LeBarron	1 00	Charles A. Lee	1 00
E. F. Perkins	1 00	A. W. Chandler	1 00
George T. Holmes	1 00	W. E. Waterman	1 00
F. W. Edson	1 00	I. H. Phinney	1 00
E. M. Dumphe	1 00	Charles R. Crane	1 00
Alfred Hall	1 00	Israel Richmond, Jr.	1 00
John H. Scribner	1 00	Robert S. Hunt	1 00
W. H. Chamberlin	1 00	W. H. Bussey	1 00
Bradford Bartlett	1 00	S. Harlow	1 00
I. N. Bourne	1 00	G. H. Watson	1 00
W. B. Enas	1 00	John Jackson	1 00
T. A. Tripp	1 00	E. Hinkley	1 00
Osgood J. Ramden	1 00		
Herbert A. Bumpus	1 00	Total	$28 00

DONATIONS FROM ENCAMPMENTS.

*Grand Encampment	$1,600	Palestine, No. 37	$250
Wachusett, No. 10	250	Nemasket, No. 44	25
Naumkeag, No. 13	200	Mt. Sinai, No. 49	100
Naomi, No. 14	100	Mt. Vernon, No. 53	200
Metacomet, No. 26	50		
Total			$2,775

In this connection it may be proper to state that a donation of $290.25 was received from Grand Canton, Worcester, No. 3, the same being in addition to its $100 contributed for the furnishing of a room.

* The donation from the Grand Encampment consisted of 100 shares of Odd Fellows Hall stock, the estimated value of which was reported at $1400, but later on it was sold at an advance of $200, thus making the donation practically $1600. as here stated.

DONATIONS FROM REBEKAH LODGES.

Mary Washington, No. 1, Boston	$100 00
Ruth, No. 2, Lawrence	50 00
Beulah, No. 3, Lynn	10 00
Kenoza, No. 4, Haverhill	25 00
Ivaloo, No. 7, Somerville	92 00
Mystic, No. 8, Charlestown	200 00
Morning Star, No. 9, Springfield	100 00
Unity, No. 10, Marblehead	19 00
Union, No. 11, Salem	26 00
Esther, No. 12, North Attleboro, proceeds of a Fair	286 00
Seashore, No. 14, Gloucester	300 00
Amity, No. 15, East Cambridge	50 00
Naomi, No. 18, Worcester	200 00
Good Will, No. 22, Wakefield	55 00
Island, No. 24, Nantucket	50 00
Elizabeth Poole, No. 25, Taunton	10 00
Helping Hand, No. 26. Duxbury	50 00
Azar and Crescent, Nos. 27 and 35, Dorchester, proceeds of an entertainment	120 45
Brighton, No. 29, Brighton	50 00
Highland Union, No. 31, Lowell	25 00
North Star, No. 32, Shelburne Falls	100 00
Queen Esther, No. 33, Worcester	50 00
Progressive, No. 34, Hyde Park	25 00
Crescent, No. 35, Dorchester, proceeds of a Fair	75 29
Hope, No. 39, Woburn	25 00
Germanæ, No. 42, Clinton	100 00

Welcome, No. 45, Natick	100 00
Stella, No. 46, New Bedford	100 00
Fidelity, No. 50, South Framingham	50 00
Mt. Olive, No. 52, Canton	50 00
Social, No. 53, Whitinsville	25 00
Thusnelda, No. 72, Boston, proceeds of a social gathering	17 87
Liberty, No. 78, Manchester	5 00
Abigail Adams, No. 90, Weymouth	50 00
Steadfast, No. 98, East Weymouth	10 00
Total	$2,601 61

FROM REBEKAH SEWING CIRCLES.

Mystic Sewing Circle, Charlestown		$50 00
Hiawatha Sewing Circle, Fall River		30 00
Olive Branch Sewing Circle, Cambridgeport		50 00
Germanæ Sewing Circle, Clinton		100 00
Stella Social Sewing Circle, New Bedford		75 00
Bethesda Sewing Circle, South Boston		25 00
Rebekah Sewing Circle, West Gardner	$106 08	
Transferred to room account	100 00	
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Rebekah Union Sewing Circle, Lynn		25 00
Total		$361 08

FROM THE REBEKAH AUXILIARY.

This Association, organized as an Auxiliary to the Home, and located in Worcester, has proved a welcome instrumentality in contributing to the pleasure and comfort of its dependent residents. Its donations have aggregated $170.60, with an added gift of $17 from A. S. Goodwin, of Boston, making in all $187.60, of which an unexpended balance of $92.78 still remains. But aside from this the personal services and other material aid contributed by its sisterhood have been gratefully enjoyed and appreciated.

FURNISHINGS.

Many rooms in the Home have been furnished by lodges and individual members of the Order.

The furniture in the office, parlors and library, was selected and purchased by the donors, and the cost was not reported. The fur-

nishings in the auditorium, dining room and sleeping rooms, were selected by the trustees, and paid for in many instances, by donations, a list of the contributors being printed herewith.

Plates on the doors of rooms furnished in this manner designate the donors, as follows:

Office, Henry Walker, Worcester.
Parlor A, Pearl Hill Rebekah Lodge, No. 47, Fitchburg.
Parlor B, Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 33 Circle, Worcester.
Parlor C, Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 18, Worcester.
Library, John J. Whipple, Brockton.
Auditorium, Dorchester Lodge, No. 158, Dorchester; Cliftondale Lodge, No. 193, Cliftondale; Moses T. Durrell, Boston . . . $300
Dining Room, Harmony Lodge, No. 68, Medford; Purity Rebekah Lodge, No. 94, Medford, Crescent Rebekah Lodge No. 35, Dorchester 200
Room 27, Alfred S. Pinkerton, Worcester 100
" 28, Herbert N. Kingsbury, Westfield 100
" 29, Rufus B. Gifford, Salem 100
" 30, Francis E. Merriman, Boston 100
" 31, Roswell S. Merriman, Westfield 100
" 33, Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, Boston 100
" 34, David N. Kemp, Lynn 100
" 35, Siloam Lodge, No. 2, Boston 100
" 36, Banner Rebekah Lodge, No. 89, Athol 100
" 37, Quinobequin Lodge, No. 70, Jamaica Plain 100
" 38, Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 186, West Medford 100
" 44, Rebekah Social Circle, North Brookfield 100
" 46, Paul Revere Lodge, No. 184, Somerville 100
" 47, Magnolia Rebekah Sewing Circle, Hudson 75
" 48, Good Cheer Rebekah Lodge, No. 60, Palmer . . . 100
" 49, Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46, Milford 100
" 54, Hermann Lodge, No. 133, Boston 200
" 55, A. L. and M. L. Hills, Palmer 100
" 57, Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 14, Charlestown 100
" 58, Electric Lodge, No. 204, Brockton 100
" 59, James and Ellen M. Buxton, Peabody 100
" 61, Bernice Rebekah Lodge, No. 36, South Boston . . . 100
" 62, Harmony Rebekah Lodge, No. 40, Spencer 100
" 63, Erminie Rebekah Lodge, No. 76, Somerville . . . 100
" 65, Charles Hayden, Boston 100
" 66, Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 12, North Attleboro . . 100

Room 67, Hawthorne Rebekah Lodge, No. 57, Waltham	$100
" 73, West Gardner Sewing Circle, West Gardner	100
" 75, Grand Canton Worcester, Worcester,	100
" 76, Grand Canton Shawmut, Boston,	100
" 77, Mystic Rebekah Lodge, No. 8, Charlestown	100
" 79, William H. Mead, Beverly Farms; Q. A. Green, Watertown	100
" —, Everett Lodge, No. 36, Everett	100
Total cash donations,	$3,875

In the tower is an expensive Howard clock, presented by Brother F. E. Weber, of Boston.

PERSONAL AND OTHER DONATIONS IN AID OF THE HOME.

It is a matter of special gratitude that the Home and its blessed ministry should have enlisted such responsive and generous approval, not only from those directly associated with its affiliation, but in many instances from those not so connected. As evidence of such sympathetic interest, the following exhibit reveals most gratifying assurance. First in such connection, we esteem it a privilege as well as an honor to record the name of one whose munificent benefaction proved a welcome and effective instrumentality in the establishment and endowment of the Massachusetts Odd Fellows Home — Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., an honored resident of Worcester. Following his example will be found the names of other treasured friends, whose kindly and fraternal interest in the Home and its mission has been so nobly exemplified by personal and material aid. A few names not appearing in this list may be found in connection with their Lodges, or with special funds to which their donations were transferred.

Thomas H. Dodge, Worcester, land donated, estimated value	$11,000 00	
Cash for Library books	500 00	
Cash for Honorary membership	25 00	
		$11,525 00
Furniture and other gifts from Lodges and individuals, estimated value		6,500 00
Hon. Stephen Salisbury, Worcester		1,000 00
Hon. Samuel Winslow, Worcester		500 00
George Sessions & Sons, Worcester		100 00
John C. MacInnes, Worcester		100 00
Henry S. Pratt, Worcester		100 00
Barnard, Sumner & Co., Worcester		100 00
George H. Cutting, Worcester		50 00

H. C. Otis, Worcester	5 00
George Johnson, Worcester	5 00
Stephen Symmes, Arlington	10 00
Simon Lamprell, Boston	5 00
Mrs. John Jackson, Bridgewater	1 00
J. A. Craig, Bunker Hill Encampment	3 00
Cornelius Bradford, Plymouth, for corner stone	150 00
Grand Lodge, expenses of dedication	58 50
Grand Encampment, expenses of dedication	24 00
Prospect, Governor Gore, Newton, Home, and Lafayette Lodges, unexpended balance of fund for expenses at laying of corner stone of O. F. Home	40 11
Henry Denver, P.G.M., from sale of dedication programs	45 40
Daniel McDonald, janitor Odd Fellows Hall, Boston	5 00
Employes of Odd Fellows Hall, Boston	35 00
Alfred T. Turner, City Treasurer, Boston	25 00
Mrs. A. Grandjean, Roxbury	5 00
O. F. Logan, Chicago, Ill.	10 00
Samuel and Caroline Beck, members at the Home (insurance)	397 05
Total	$20,799 06

LEGACIES RECEIVED.

From the estate of Levi Chubbuck, Boston	$5,000 00
" " " F. E. Weber, Boston	1,000 00
" " " Nathaniel D. Sawin, Laconia, N. H.	400 00
" " " James M. Brown, Salem	860 00
" " " N. S. Wyeth, Boston, a donation	75 00
" " " George N. Thompson, M.D., Boston	100 00
Total	$7,435 00

PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

July 1, 1893, Per Capita Assessment	$5,872 96
Jan. 1, 1894, " "	5,909 34
July 1, 1894, " "	6,016 83
Jan. 1, 1895, " "	6,084 67
July 1, 1895, " "	6,186 43
Jan. 1, 1896, " "	6,186 43
July 1, 1896, " "	6,114 89
Total	$42,371 55
Interest on deposits and other miscellaneous receipts	1,901 39
Total	$44,272 94

Expenditures from 1887 to August 1, 1896.

Cost of Home,		$71,796 00
*Buildings and grounds,	$64,437 00	
Furniture, bedding and utensils,	7,359 00	
Maintenance of Home,		20,597 57
Repairs and replacement,		
Buildings,	$1,026 62	
Furnishings,	662 36	
Heat, light and water,	5,313 81	
Insurance, interest and taxes,	1,852 30	
Salaries and wages,	8,310 41	
Expenses of trustees,	1,209 06	
Postage, printing and stationery,	303 19	
Library,	559 82	
Miscellaneous,	1,360 00	
Maintenance of inmates,		12,097 72
Subsistence,	$9,775 13	
Wearing apparel,	647 97	
Medicines and medical attendance,	889 94	
Miscellaneous,	784 68	
Agriculture,		1,511 61
Stock,	$998 57	
Farm,	513 04	
Total,		$106,002 90

*Not including estimated value of land and furnishings donated.

Present valuation of Home property.

An inventory of the property at the Home has recently been taken, and the estimated valuation is as follows:

Buildings and grounds,	$84,117
(Land, 16 1-2 acres at $1,920 per acre).	
Furniture, bedding and utensils,	$8,650
Library,	1,000
Supplies,	1,200
Stock and farming implements,	1,250
Total,	$96,217

MEMBERS OF THE ODD FELLOWS HOME OF MASSACHUSETTS

FROM DATE OF DEDICATION, JUNE 22, 1892, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1896.

NAMES.	Age Admitted.	Nativity.	Lodge, Number and Date Admitted.	Admitted to the Home.	Died.	Remarks.
1 Alvin B. Libby	70	Maine.	Massachusetts 1 March 6, 1865.	Sept. 28, 1892.		
2 Asa Nourse	75	Mass.	Quinsigamond 43 Dec. 1, 1867.	" "		Expelled Aug. 31, 1894.
3 Thomas Gault	72	N. H.	Friendship 20 Nov. 17, 1845.	" "		
4 Elizabeth Gault	39	England.		" "		Wife of Thomas Gault.
5 Solomon Marble	76	Mass.	Siloam 2 March 30, 1865.	" "		
6 Henry Cushing	60	N. H.	Bethesda 30 April 12, 1868.	" "		Left the Home, April 1, 1893.
7 Reuben P. Hitchcock	76	Vt.	Robert Burns 159 * Dec. 17, 1872.	" "	Sept. 7, 1893.	
8 Emily C. Hitchcock	75	N. H.		" "		Widow of R. P. Hitchcock
9 James R. Woodis	72	Mass.	Quinsigamond 43 June 1, 1874.	Oct. 26, 1892.		
10 Nancy Woodis	62	Mass.		" "		Wife of James R. Woodis.
11 James Vinal	56	Mass.	Siloam 2 May 31, 1865.	" "	Jan. 21, 1894.	
12 Margaret A. Vinal	54	Mass.		" "	April 2, 1894.	Widow of James Vinal.
13 Joseph Junio	70	N. S.	Howard 22 Sept. 25, 1868.	" "		
14 Selah S. Graves	67	Vt.	Alethian 128 Oct. 5, 1874.	" "	May 1, 1894.	
15 David C. Brick	75	Mass.	Mt. Roulstone 98 Dec. 13, 1867.	" "		
16 Nathaniel Smith	76	Vt.	St. John's 62 * March 6, 1878.	" "		
17 Melintha C. Smith	77	N. H.		" "		Wife of Nathaniel Smith.
18 Daniel H. Brown	67	Mass.	Howard 22 March 8, 1872.	" "	Jan. 18, 1894.	
19 Benjamin S. Messer	76	Mass.	Mechanics 11 * Feb. 23, 1870.	Jan. 25, 1893.		
20 Hiram B. Corning	49	N. Y.	Ridgely 112 Oct. 19, 1886.	Mch. 28, 1893.		
21 J. Henry Smith	62	Md.	Woronoco 74 Aug. 8, 1870.	" "		
22 Bertha I. Corning	13	Mass.		Apr. 26, 1893.		Left the Home, Dec., 1893.
23 Thomas Phillips	52	Scotland.	United Brothers 122, Oct. 10, 1881.	May 31, 1893.		
24 Richard G. Wheelwright	73	England.	United Brothers 122, June 17, 1865.	" "	Dec. 4, 1894.	
25 Theodore Poole	76	Mass.	Granite 127 June 7, 1852.	" "	Mch. 3, 1895.	
26 George D. Heaton	67	Mass.	Rising Sun 99 Dec. 4, 1878.	" "		
27 Ira B. Aldrich	71	N. H.	Everett 36 May 27, 1875.	June 28, 1893.		
28 George W. Currier	62	N. H.	Granite 127 July 31, 1877.	" "		
29 Joshua B. Dunbar	71	Mass.	Eastern Star 143 April 10, 1867.	July 12, 1893.	June 21, 1896.	

30 James Greenwood	83	England.	Lancaster 89.....Oct. 4, 1871.	Aug. 9, 1893.	Nov. 26, 1894.	
31 William Brown	69	Germ'ny.	Hermann 133.....Dec. 18, 1868.	" "	.....	
32 Edward M. Dyer	67	Maine.	New England 4.....Feb. 6, 1874.	Oct. 18, 1893.	.....	
33 Joseph M. Adams	43	Mass.	Franklin 23.....Oct. 27, 1876.	Nov. 8, 1893.	.....	
34 Alexander Cameron	54	N. B.	Crystal Fount 9.....Dec. 10, 1883.	" "	.....	
35 Charles E. Cummings	67	Mass.	Veritas 49.....May 29, 1873.	Dec. 13, 1893.	.....	
36 John Hill	61	Mass.	Arcturus 187.....May 20, 1880.	Jan. 10, 1894.	.....	
37 Louis Dickey	73	Canada.	Westfield 152.....March 9, 1870.	" "	.....	
38 Charles A. Peaslee	64	Maine.	Bay State 40.....Sept. 1, 1868.	Mch. 13, 1894.	.....	
39 Mercy D. Peaslee	69	Mass.	.....	" "	.....	Wife of Charles A. Peaslee.
40 Thomas B. Richards	72	Maine.	Howard 22.....Nov. 22, 1844.	Mch. 14, 1894.	.....	
41 John W. Campbell	58	N. Y.	Central 168.....Oct. 22, 1874.	Apr. 11, 1894.	.....	
42 Mary A. Campbell	62	N. J.	.....	" "	.....	Wife of John W. Campbell.
43 William Lewis	78	Maine.	Franklin 23.....April 16, 1847.	May 16, 1894.	.....	
44 Samuel Beck	73	Mass.	Mechanics 11.....Nov. 1, 1844.	July 24, 1894.	.....	
45 Caroline Beck	68	N. H.	.....	" "	.....	Wife of Samuel Beck.
46 George W. Vesty	70	N. Y.	Winnisimmet 24.....Feb. 11, 1879.	Aug. 8, 1894.	.....	
47 Hiram Cutts	71	Maine.	Bunker Hill 14.....Oct. 27. 1856.	Sept. 17, 1894.	.....	
48 Priscilla Seaver	61	Mass.	.....	Oct. 2, 1894.	.....	Widow of J. C. Seaver, No. 7
49 Lewis H. Richardson	66	N. H.	Howard 22.....Feb. 12, 1869.	Nov. 14, 1894.	.....	
50 John J. Leighton	70	N. H.	Monadnock 145.....Sept. 11, 1867.	Dec. 12, 1894.	.....	
51 Asa W. Butterfield	68	Mass.	Columbian 29.....Jan. 26, 1872.	Jan. 12, 1895.	.....	
52 John Merrill	74	Mass.	Quinsigamond 43, * July 15, 1878.	Mch. 29, 1895.	.....	
53 Henry Barnes	90	England.	Merrimack 7.* 1826.	Apr. 7, 1895.	May 13, 1895.	
54 Thomas H. Morris	68	England.	Powow River 90.....Nov. 27, 1866.	Apr. 10, 1895.	.....	
55 Elias M. Olson	63	Norway.	Ocean 91.....April 21, 1862.	Apr. 23, 1895.	.....	
56 Fredrick A. Dietrich	72	Germ'ny.	Unity 77.....Feb. 14, 1868.	June 1, 1895.	.....	
57 Edward P. Stacy	59	Maine.	Friendship 20.....Aug. 31, 1874.	Sept. 12, 1895.	Feb. 9, 1896.	
58 Josephine B. Stacy	56	Maine.	.....	" "	.....	Widow of Edward P. Stacy.
59 William R. Gilson	80	Mass.	Pilgrim 75.....Dec. 10, 1845.	" "	.....	
60 Rebecca C. Gilson	57	N. S.	.....	" "	.....	Wife of William R. Gilson.
61 Samuel B. Logan	69	N. S.	Winnisimmet 24.....May 11, 1869.	Oct. 28, 1895.	.....	
62 Jemima E. Logan	67	Pa.	.....	" "	.....	Wife of Samuel B. Logan.
63 Isaac N. Tirrell	67	Mass.	Wildey 21.....Feb. 26, 1877.	Jan. 8, 1896.	.....	
64 James D. McEwan	60	Scotland.	Takawambait 59 .....April 8, 1884.	Aug. 19, 1896.	.....	
65 Ellen A. McEwan	70	Scotland.	.....	" "	.....	Wife of James D. McEwan.

* Admitted by Card.

ODD FELLOWS HOMES IN THE UNITED STATES.

The following States have Homes in which aged members, their wives, widows, and orphans are kindly cared for during such time as they may choose to remain and comply with the rules of the Institutions.

This is a new form of assistance and charity given to the aged and indigent members, and is a practical exemplification of our teachings. While it appeals to our liberality and sympathy to assist the needy, the sick and despondent, it gives the Order a character for deeds of inestimable value, and places it in the front rank of benevolent organizations. We deem it a matter of general interest to the Order in this State to know what our Brethren are doing in other Jurisdictions, and, therefore, we have made liberal extracts from the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

It is to be regretted that there is no complete list of our Homes at the present time, but we hope the difficulty will soon be overcome and we shall have a system of management such as its importance demands.

There are now 29 Homes in the United States in full operation — holding property valued at $855,594, having for their use 3,882 acres of land — while quite a number of Jurisdictions have begun this work but have not yet established Homes, although they have quite a large sum collected for the purpose. Among this class we find Washington, Oregon, South Dakota, Nebraska, Georgia and North Dakota earnest and determined to make this work successful.

THE ODD FELLOWS HOME OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Organized November 17, 1874, to provide for indigent Odd Fellows. It is supported by the payment of one cent a week per member. From its organization to June 1, 1895, the amount of receipts have been $216,631.; amount of funds on deposit, $27,991. During 21 years there have been admitted 194 members; of this number 91 have died, 33 have left, and 70 now remain at the Home. Valuation of this property, $65,000.

HOME FOR ORPHANS OF ODD FELLOWS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Organized March 31, 1883. Object, to support and educate orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania. Receipts to June 1, 1895, $91,565; value of property $35,877.00; invested fund $3,084.53. Number admitted since organization 102; there are now in the Home 17 girls and 37 boys — a total of 54 inmates.

HOMES FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF ODD FELLOWS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Organized March 8, 1890. Amount of receipts $8,347.77; property valued at $15,000; making amount of property invested for this char-

itable purpose in Pennsylvania alone nearly $276,000, with 28 acres of land.

This Jurisdiction is doing the largest share of this kind of work and is deserving of great praise for setting such a noble example to the Brethren of other States.

LONG ISLAND HOME ASSOCIATION FOR AGED MEMBERS, WIVES AND WIDOWS.

Organized in May, 1891. Amount of receipts to 1895, $28,924. and property valued at $25,000, free of all incumbrance. Have 10 acres of land, located about 12 miles from Brooklyn, a part of which is under a high state of cultivation.

There are several Homes in New York State, but no report of them has been returned to the Grand Sire and cannot therefore be reported. We can, however, except the

GERMAN ODD FELLOWS HOME ASSOCIATION AT NEW YORK.

Organized 1886. Object, to care for the aged and orphans. Amount of receipts to 1895, $179,247; amount paid for property, $80,000; expenses, $87,973; amount of funds invested, $11,274; value of real estate or other property, $201,500. This home has 86 inmates, of which 18 are orphans.

IDAHO ODD FELLOWS HOME.

Organized 1891 for indigent Odd Fellows and orphans; value of property, $20,000. Have a fine three-story stone building, and 60 acres of excellent land. Will soon be in working order, under the control of the Grand Lodge of the State.

ILLINOIS ODD FELLOWS ORPHANS HOME.

Organized 1889 to educate orphans of Odd Fellows of the State. Amount of receipts to 1895, $87,435; expended for property and expenses, $83,786; amount of receipts to 1895, $26,782; expenses, $10,696; money on hand, $9,392; value of real estate and other property, $81,000; supported by appropriations made by the Grand Lodge.

There are 83 children now in this home, and room for 35 more. There are 40 acres of rich land, a part of which is cultivated. The children are instructed in every useful employment known to a well-regulated country home, while special attention is given to the study of vocal and instrumental music. Surely such a blessed work as this can not be too highly commended.

CONNECTICUT ODD FELLOWS HOME.

Organized in 1892; value of property, $30,000. Have 47 acres of fine land located at Groton, and is one of the most delightful places in this country. There are now 18 inmates. Money invested, $21,732. This home reflects great credit upon the Order and its management.

FLORIDA.

Home valued at $20,000, with three acres of land.

KANSAS.

At Great Bend, two lots valued at $300.

De Boissiere Orphans Home has splendid buildings, valued at $125,000, with 3,125 acres of land, all of which was donated.

MISSOURI.

Property valued at $25,000.

NEW JERSEY.

Has one or more fine Homes, but no report was returned to Sovereign Grand Lodge in season for publication.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Odd Fellows' Orphans Home organized 1888 for the support and education of children of deceased Odd Fellows. Value of property, $10,000, located at Goldsboro.

They have twenty-eight orphan children at the present time.

Funds on deposit, $5,447.

OHIO.

Odd Fellows Home at Rossmoyne was organized in 1882, and came into possession of the Grand Lodge in 1892. Object, a home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows. Value of property, $10,831.

The Grand Lodge has Home property at Springfield, valued at $15,000, and it contemplates removing from Rossmoyne to Springfield, and will then admit orphans.

OREGON.

Odd Fellows Home at Fairview, for care of aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their widows and orphans. Amount of receipts, $19,865; expended, $19,096. Invested funds, $769. Value of real estate and other property, $13,361.

TEXAS.

Widows' and Orphans' Home at Corsicana, organized 1882. Object, care of widows and to educate the orphans. Value of real estate, $30,000. Have 280 acres of land.

VERMONT.

Has a fine building at Ludlow donated for an Odd Fellows Home by a generous person not a member of the Order. It was dedicated last May and will soon begin its work. Real estate valued at $25,000. Has fourteen acres of land.

WISCONSIN.

Odd Fellows Home Association at Green Bay, organized 1890 for care of aged and indigent Odd Fellows, widows and orphans.

Receipts, $27,355; expenses, $18,624. Cash on hand, $5,430; cash invested, $3,300; total, $8,730. Seven acres of land. Value of property, $11,255. Number of members in the Home, 24.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Odd Fellows Home, Concord. Value of estate, $60,000. Has eight acres of land. There are now fourteen inmates.

This place was formerly the residence of Franklin Pierce, ex-president of the United States.

CONCLUSION.

If any excuse is necessary for the length of this report, we think it will be found in its completeness. We have endeavored to give a full statement of affairs connected with the home. The grandeur of the enterprize, the success that has attended our labors thus far, and the blessings bestowed by the Order upon its needy and deserving members, are its crowning glory.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM E. FORD,
JOHN J. WHIPPLE,
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NATHAN TAYLOR,
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Trustees of Odd Fellows Home of Massachusetts.

MASSACHUSETTS ODD FELLOWS HOME.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, July 25, 1896.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Massachusetts ;

I respectfully submit the following report for the year ending August 1, 1896 : —

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

DR.

To unexpended balance from previous account	$7,449 55
" amounts since received:	
Transferred from "Room" to "General Account"	500 00
Samuel Beck, a resident at the Home (insurance)	397 05
Receipts from farm	23 50
Elizabeth Poole Rebekah Lodge, No. 25	10 00
Members of Ware Lodge, No. 209	5 20
Cash returned for express charges	3 10
Per capita assessment, January 1, 1896	6,186 43
" " " July 1, 1896	6,114 89
Interest on deposits	90 77
Total receipts	$20,780 49

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By amounts paid on Warrants 446 to 707	$11,148 72
" balance in Treasurer's hands	9,631 77
Total	$20,780 49

The expenditures for the year have been as follows:—

Building and grounds	$1,297 11
Furniture, utensils, etc.	171 21
Repairs and replacement	629 71
Fuel, light, and water	1,041 53
Subsistence	3,380 90
Wearing apparel	279 10
Salaries and wages	2,904 01
Postage, stationery, and other incidentals	33 92
Stock and farming expenses	552 93
Medical supplies	371 01
Interest and insurance	39 25
Expenses of Trustees	217 33
Miscellaneous expenses	230 71
Total	$11,148 72

SPECIAL AND TRUST FUNDS.

In this connection the following statement will show the present condition of the funds named:—

Special Funds.

Deposit on Room Account, as per last report	$1,010 00
Amount transferred to General Account	500 00
Balance remaining	$510 00
Dividend to May 15, 1896	5 10
Total at present date	$515 10
Rebekah Auxiliary Fund, balance unexpended	$92 78
Emergency Fund, August 1, 1895	$635 78
Amounts since received:	
Legacy from estate of the late George N. Thompson, M.D., of Boston	100 00
Two payments of $10 each from George W. Vesty, a resident at the Home	20 00
Dividends to May 15, 1896	25 76
Total at present date	$781 54

Trust Funds.

Aldrich Fund: Principal deposited	$50 00
Dividends on same to May 15, 1896	5 70
Total at present date	$55 70
Theodore Poole Fund: Principal deposited	$296 70
Dividends to May 15, 1896	15 04
Total at present date	$311 74
Henry Barnes Fund: Principal deposited	$250 00
Dividends to May 15, 1896	10 10
Total at present date	$260 10

Fraternally submitted,

JULIUS L. CLARKE,
Grand Treasurer.

ODD FELLOWS HOME.